

# Introduction to Computational solid mechanics

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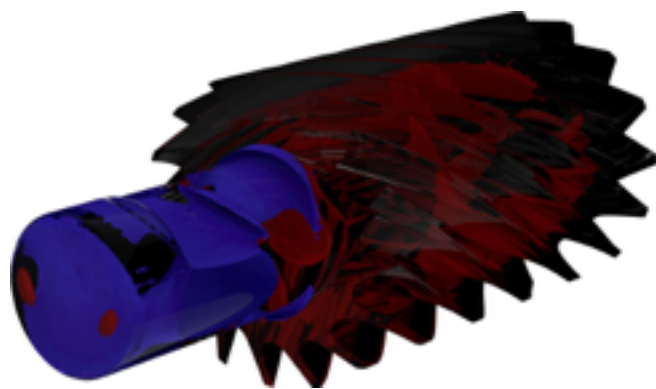
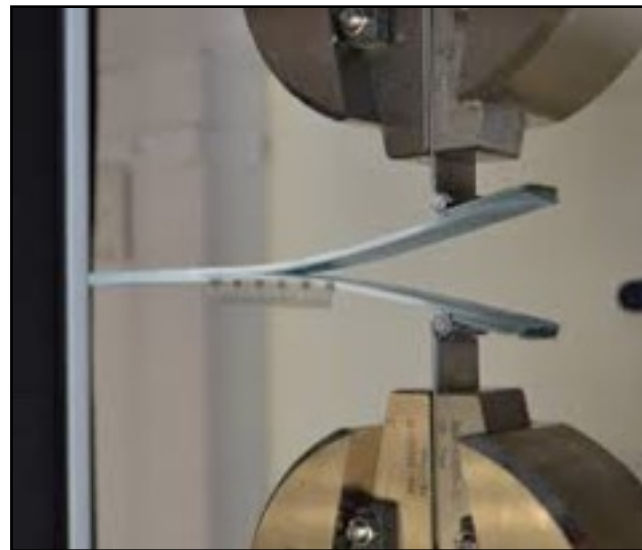
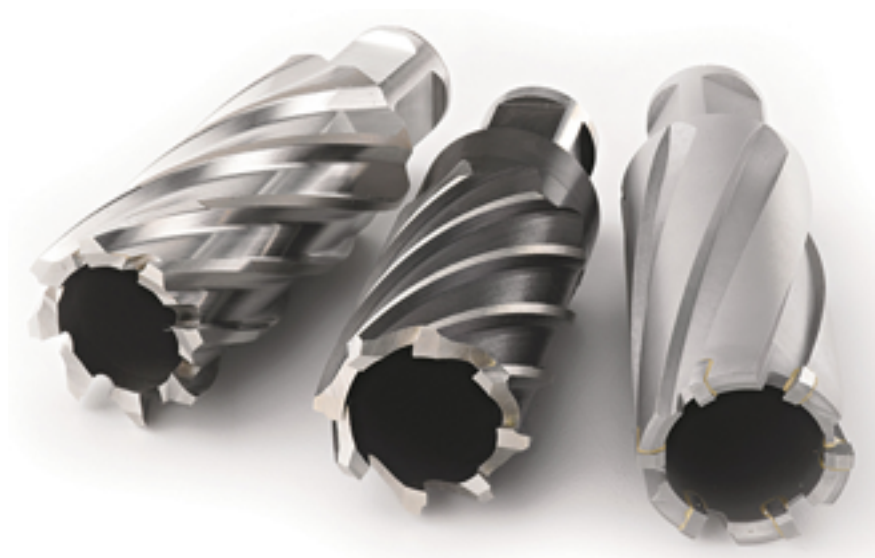


# Why do we study solid mechanics?

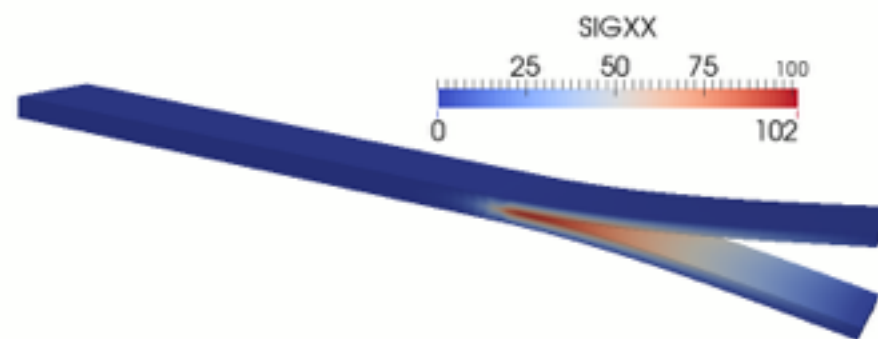
Anyone concerned with the strength and physical performance of natural/man-made structures should study Mechanics of materials



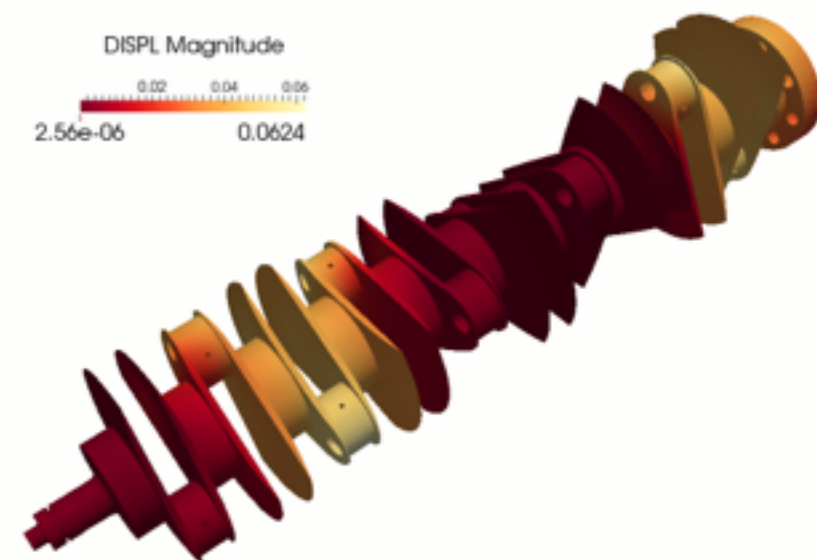
# From small pieces...



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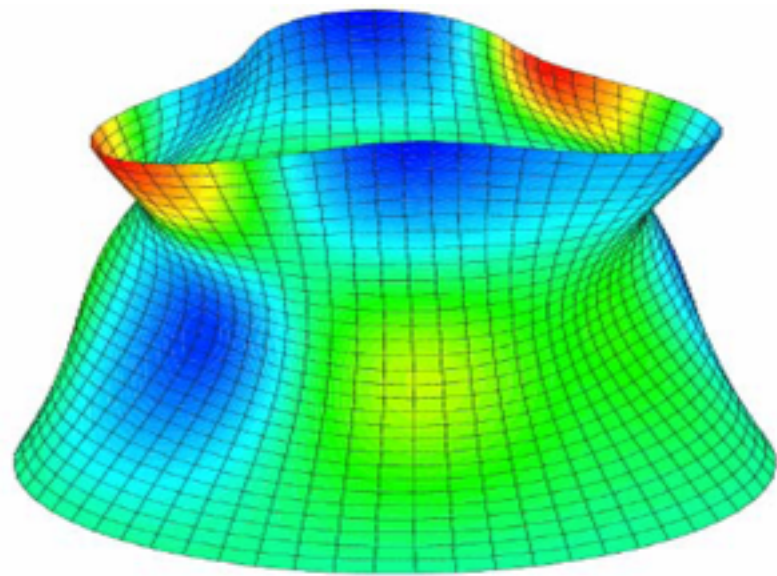
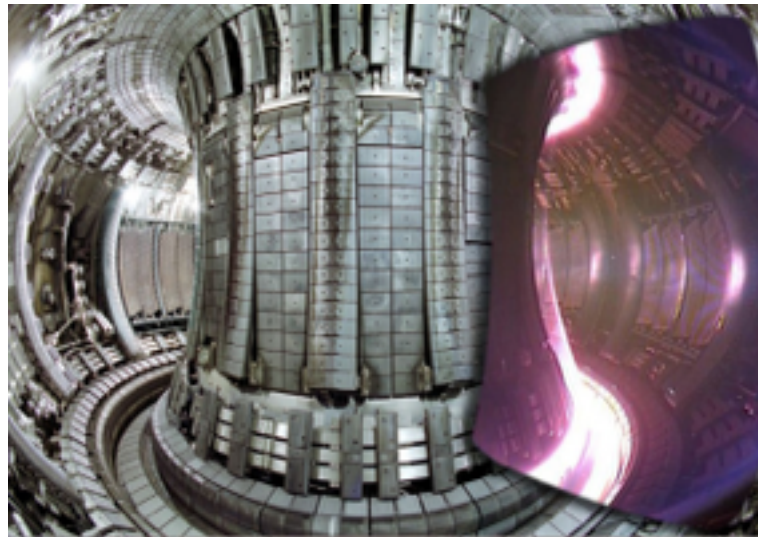
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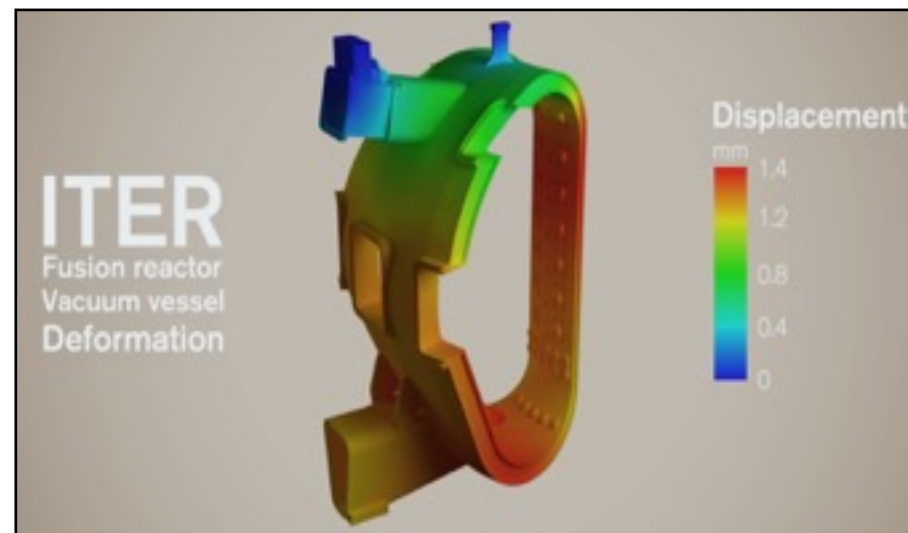
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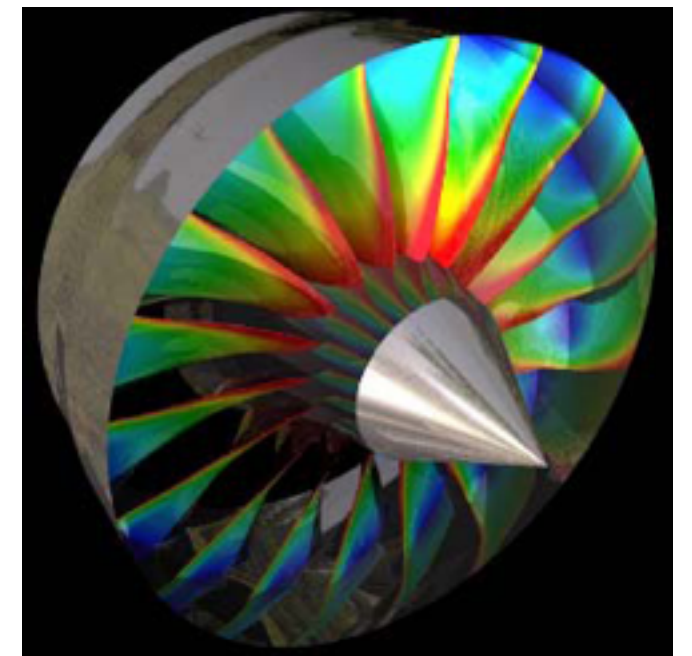
# ... to big structures



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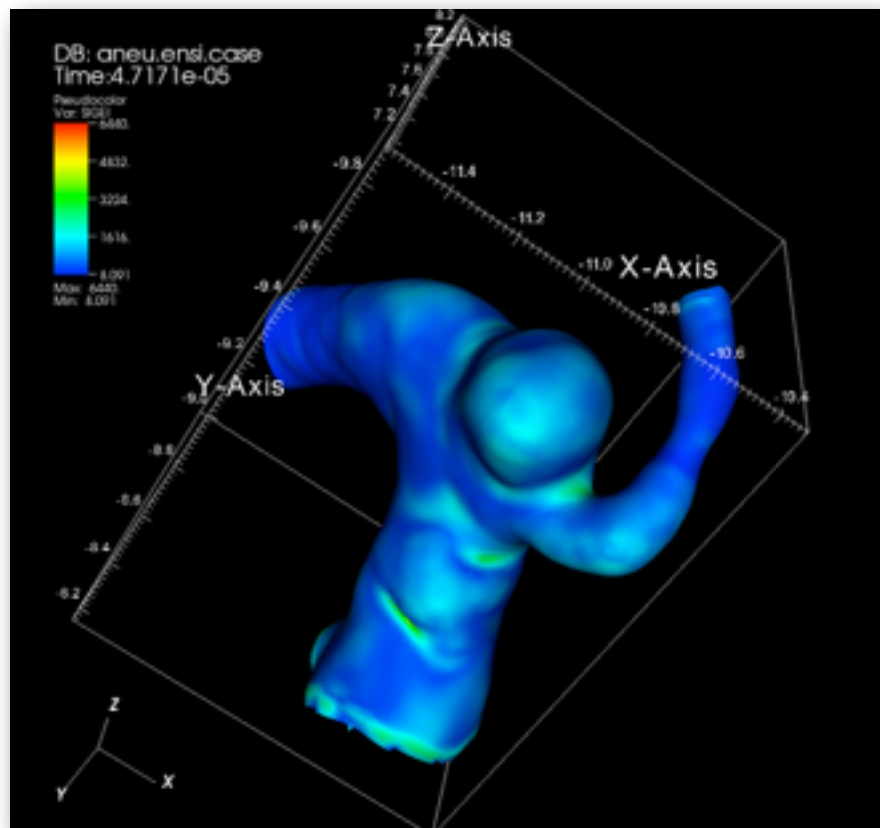
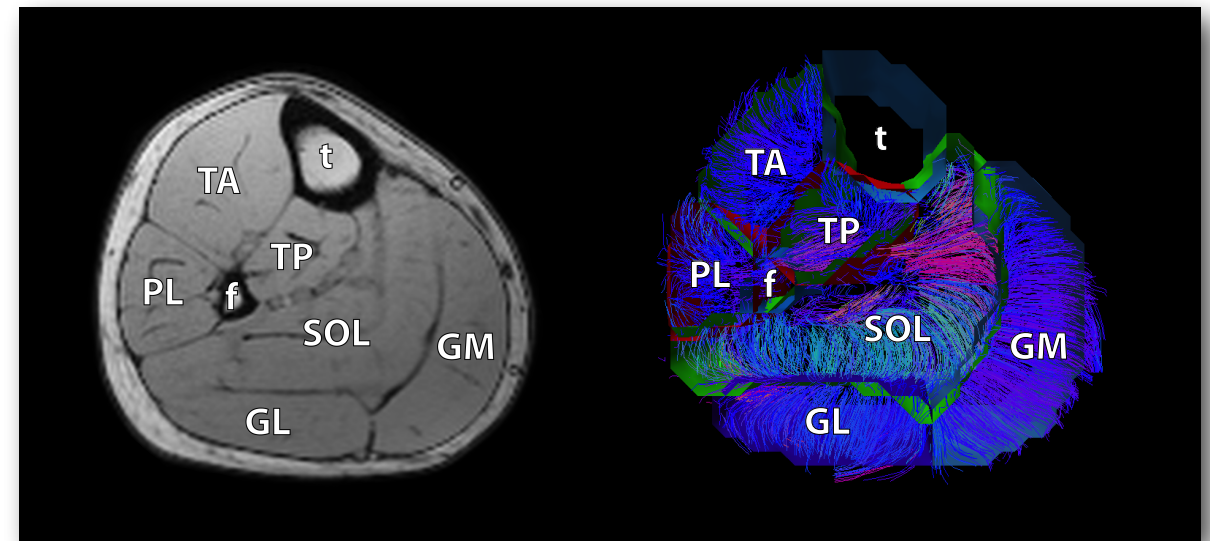
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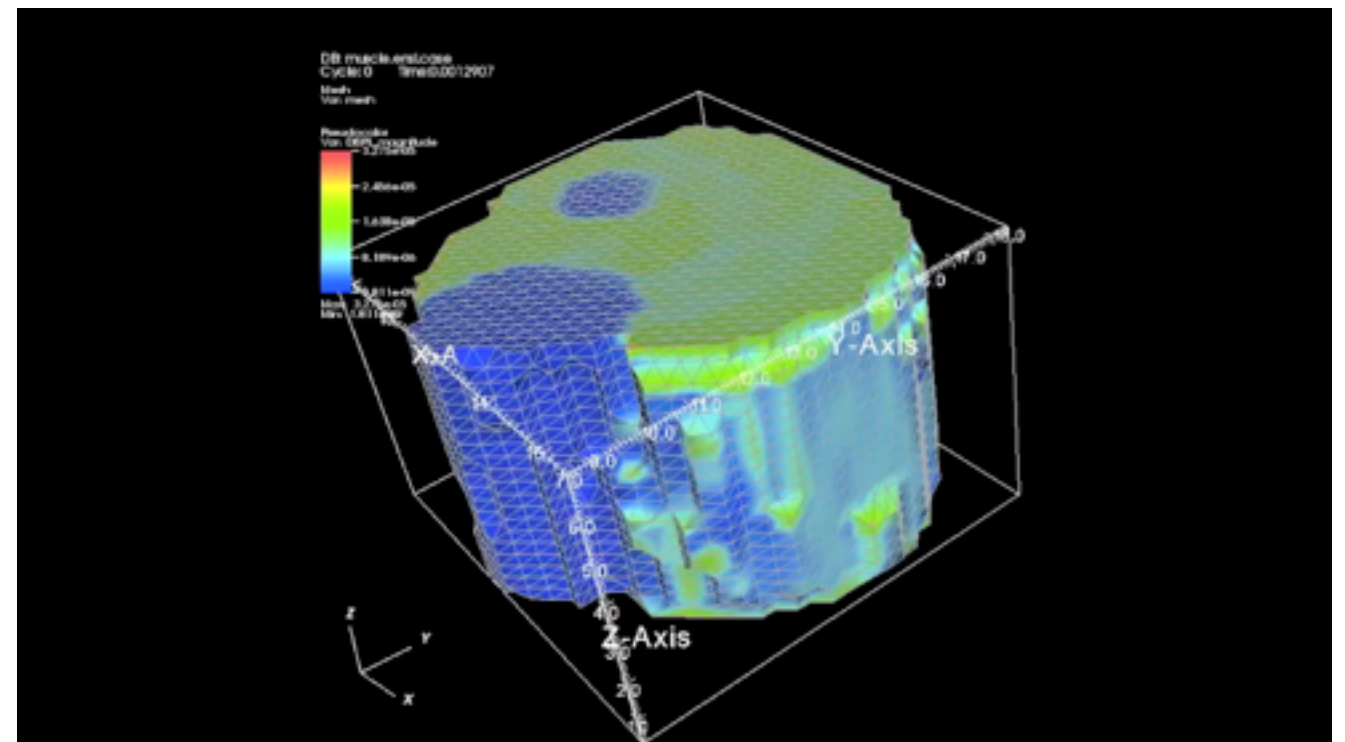
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... and not only structures...

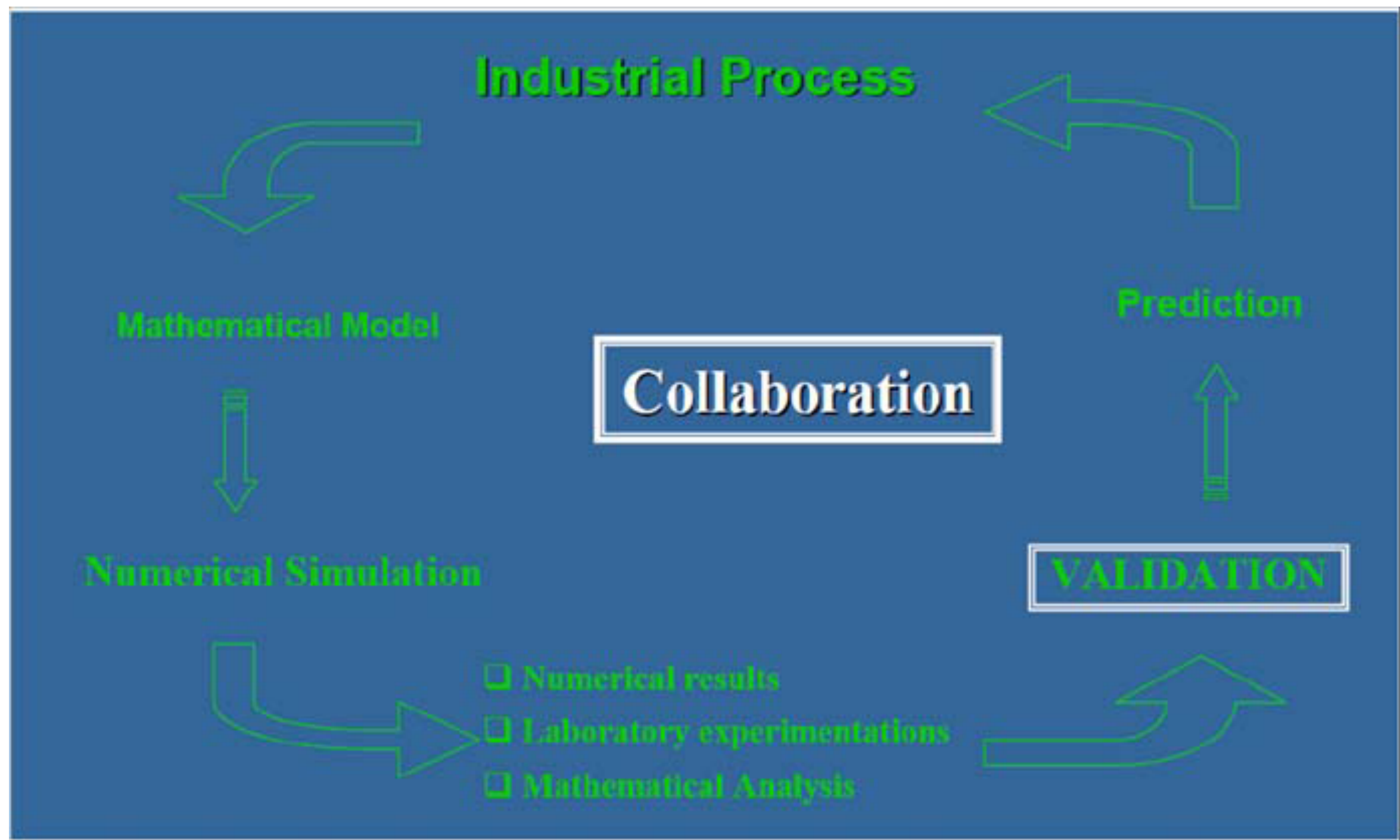


Cerebral aneurysms (in collaboration with George Mason University)



Long skeletal muscles (in collaboration with J. Georgiadis, University of Illinois)

# Numerical simulation



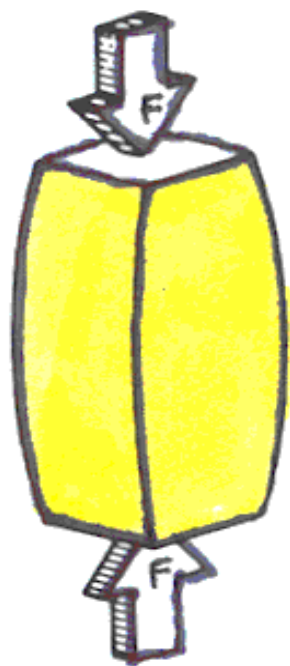


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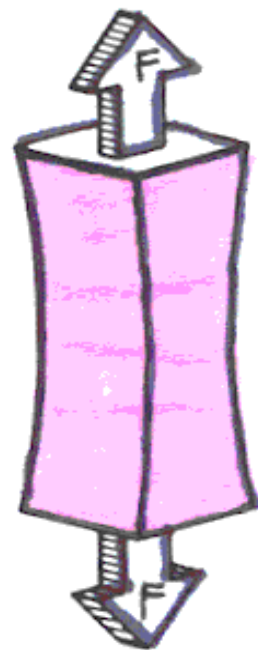
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- Basics on continuum solid mechanics
  - Kinematics
  - Balance of momentum equation
  - Principle of Virtual work and weak form
- Elasticity
- Hyperelasticity
- Composite materials
  - Damage and failure
- Fracture
  - XFEM
  - CZM

# Mechanics of materials

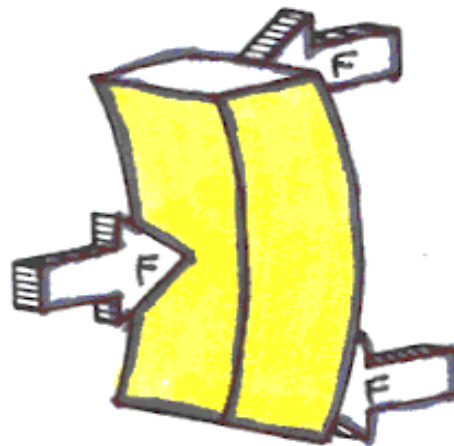
**Mechanics of materials**, solid mechanics, is a branch of applied mechanics that deals with the behaviour of solid bodies subjected to various types of loading.



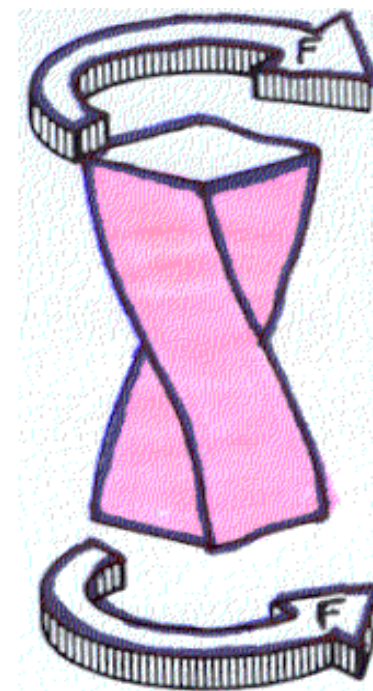
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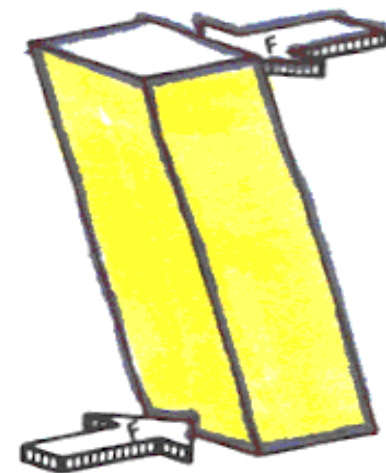
*Tension (stretched)*



*Bending*



*Torsion (twisted)*



*Shearing*



# Composite materials

## Material types

**ISOTROPIC** - same material properties in all directions, steel is a typical example.

Easy to measure properties



**ANISOTROPIC** - different material properties in all directions, a chunk of volcanic rock is an example.

Tough to measure or predict properties



**ORTHOTROPIC** - special case of anisotropic, clear material directionality in 3 directions, wood is an example (material properties in three perpendicular directions -axial, radial and circumferential- are different).

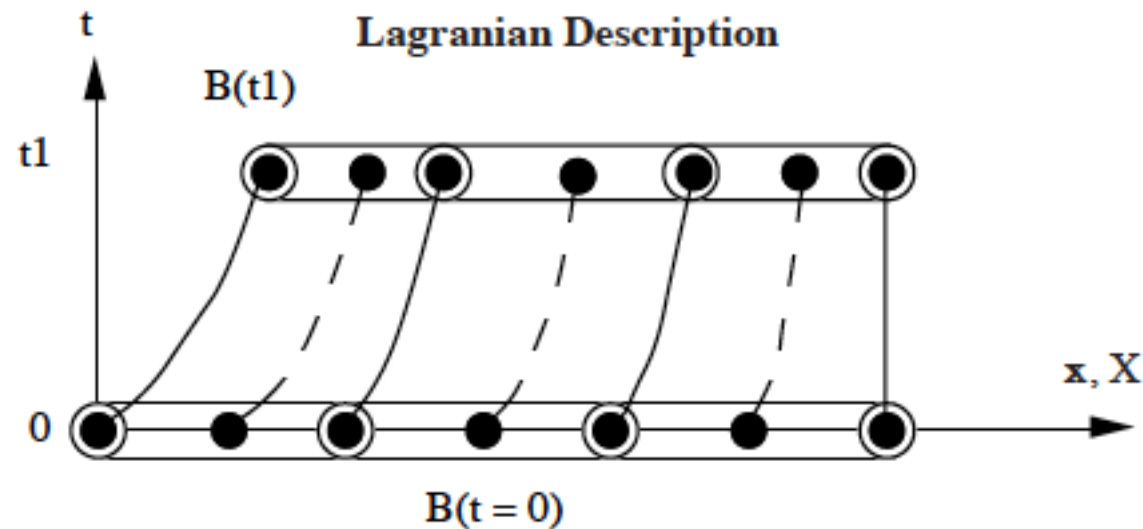


Measurable and predictable properties - some challenges

# Basics on continuum solid mechanics

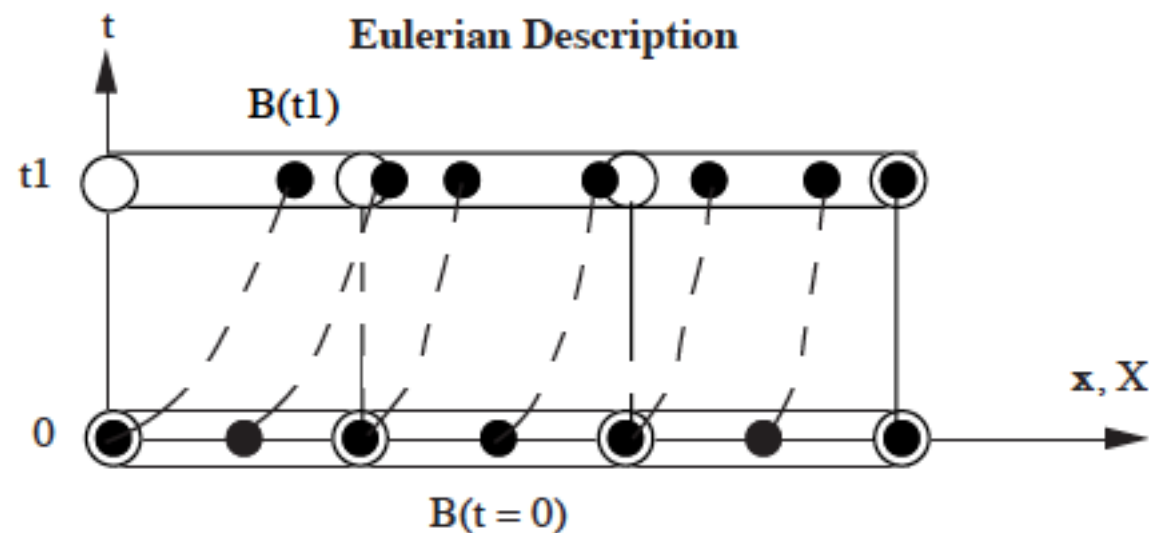


# Lagrangian vs. Eulerian description



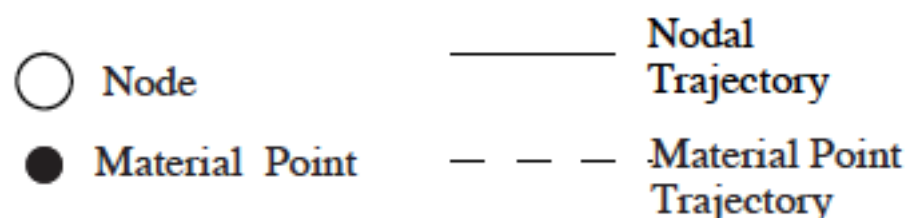
## Lagrangian or material description

- Physical quantities (and equations) are described with **material coordinates  $X$** .
- For example,  $M(X,t)$  represents the physical quantity (temperature, stress, etc.) of the particle at  $t=0$  was at position  $X$ , and a function of time.
- If we fix  $X$ , we follow the same material particle at different points of the space.



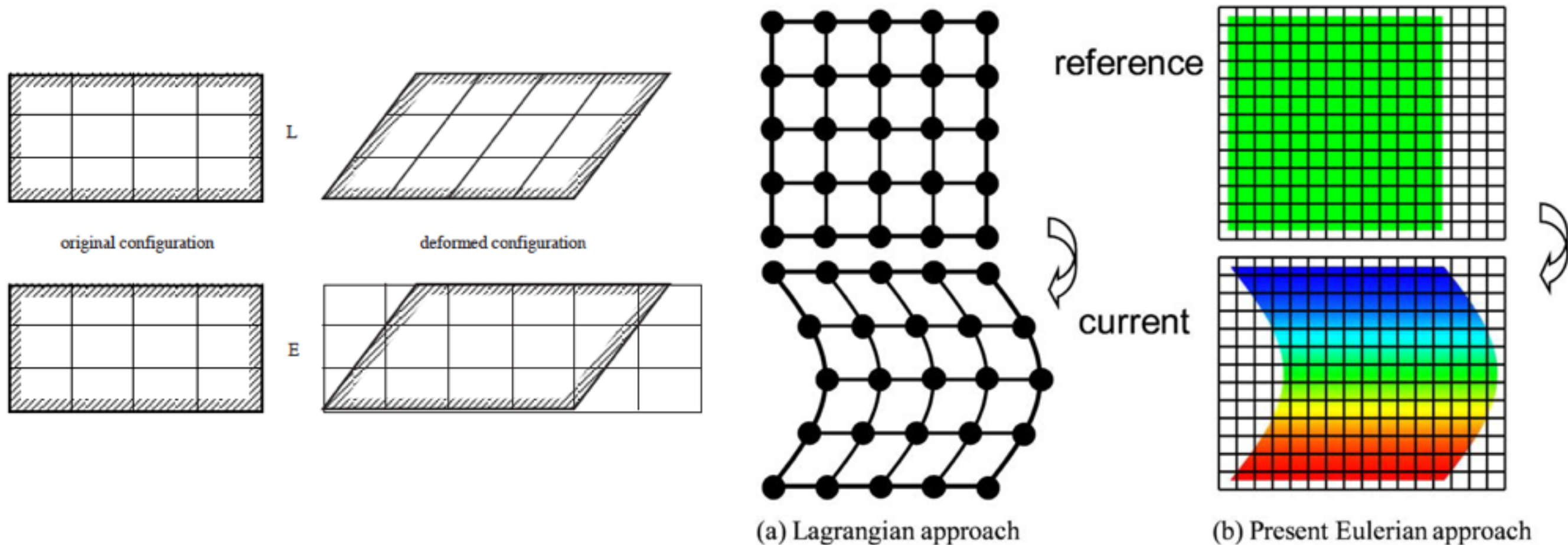
## Eulerian or spatial description

- Physical quantities (and equations) are described with **spatial coordinates  $x$** .
- For example,  $m(x,t)$  represents the physical quantity (temperature, stress, etc.) at time  $t$  at the spatial position  $x$ .
- If we fix  $x$ , we are observing the same spatial points, where different material particles may be located at different times.



# Lagrangian vs. Eulerian description

The motion is given by the deformation mapping  $\mathbf{x} = \phi(\mathbf{X}, t)$



We will use Lagrangian formulation

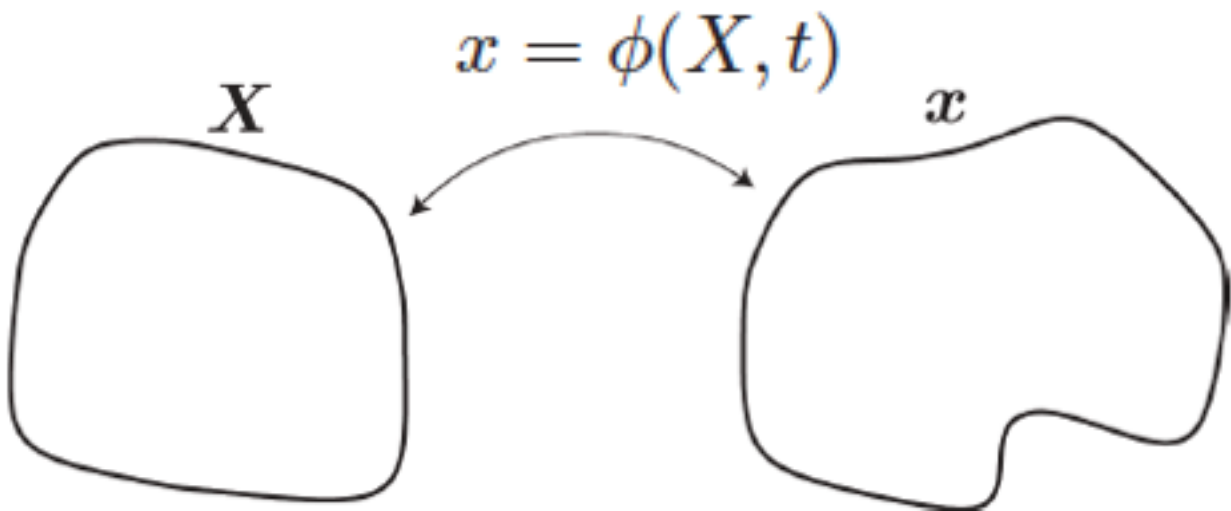


# Continuum solid mechanics: frame of reference

- Motion and deformation (kinematics)
- Useful measures in non-linear continuum mechanics (depend on the configuration)
  - Strain measures: Green-Lagrange, rate of deformation, ...
  - Stress measures: Cauchy, nominal stress, 1PK, 2PK, ...  
Large variety of measures! (adding nothing fundamental...)
- Conservation equations
  - Common to solids and fluids: mass, momentum, energy
  - Momentum equation  $\longrightarrow$  equilibrium equation
- Large deformations vs. small deformations

# Continuum solid mechanics: frame of reference

Map from reference domain to physical domain


$$x = \phi(X, t)$$
$$F := \frac{\partial x}{\partial X} \quad J := \det F \quad v(X, t) := \frac{\partial x}{\partial t}$$

Conservation of linear momentum equation

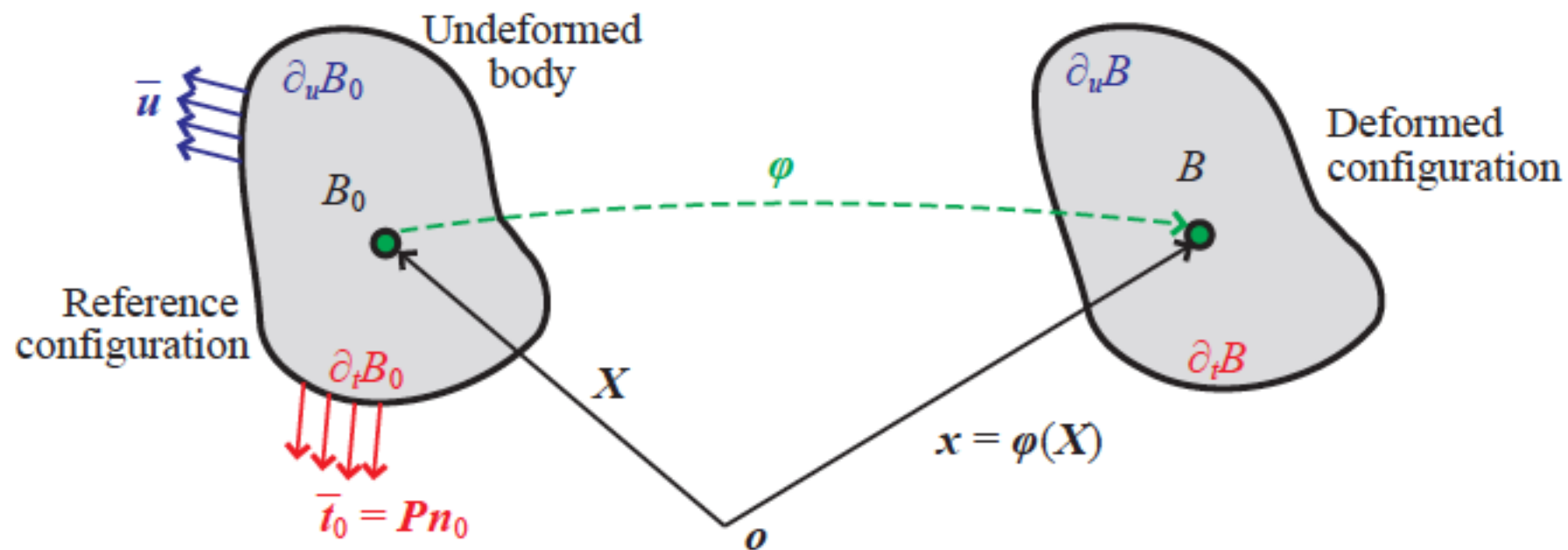
$$\rho_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}(X, t)}{\partial t} = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{P} + \rho_0 \mathbf{b}$$

using first Piola-Kirchhoff  $\mathbf{P}$ .

# Deformation mapping

- Initial domain  $B_0$  is deformed to  $B$ : **mapping** from  $B_0$  to  $B$
- $\mathbf{X}$ : material point in  $B_0$        $\mathbf{x}$ : material point in  $B$
- Infinitesimal length  $d\mathbf{X}$  in  $B_0$  deforms to  $d\mathbf{x}$  in  $B$
- Remember that the mapping is **continuously differentiable**

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{X} + \mathbf{u} \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \mathbf{x} = \varphi(\mathbf{X}, t) = \mathbf{X} + \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{X}, t)$$





# Stress and strain measures

## Useful quantities

- Deformation gradient tensor (gradient of the mapping)

$$\mathbf{F} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}}{\partial \mathbf{X}} \quad F_{ij} = \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial X_j} \quad F = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial X_1} & \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial X_2} & \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial X_3} \\ \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial X_1} & \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial X_2} & \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial X_3} \\ \frac{\partial x_3}{\partial X_1} & \frac{\partial x_3}{\partial X_2} & \frac{\partial x_3}{\partial X_3} \end{pmatrix} \quad J = \det \mathbf{F}$$

- Strain measures: Green-Lagrange strain

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{F}^T \cdot \mathbf{F} - \mathbf{I}) \quad E_{ij} = \frac{1}{2}(F_{ik}^T F_{kj} - \delta_{ij})$$

- Stress measures:

- The Cauchy stress (true stress)  $\boldsymbol{\sigma} = J^{-1} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{F}^T$

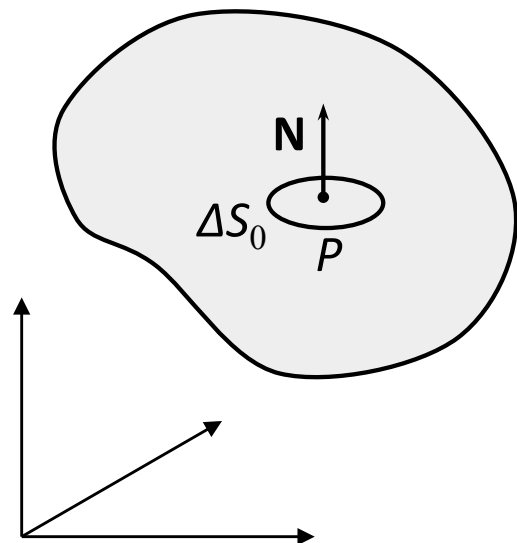
- The first Piola-Kirchhoff  $\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{F})$

- The second Piola-Kirchhoff  $\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{F}^{-1} \mathbf{P}$

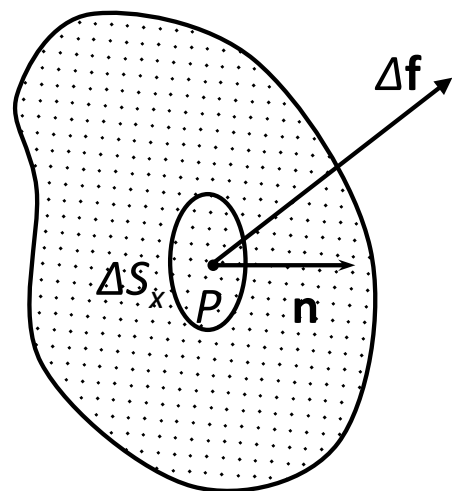
# Stress and strain measures

- **Cauchy stress** (true stress): Force acts on the deformed configuration and the area in the deformed configuration.
- **First PK stress** (nominal stress): Force acts on the deformed configuration and the area in the undeformed configuration.

Undeformed configuration



Deformed configuration



$$n \cdot \sigma dS = df = t dS$$

$$N \cdot P dS_0 = df = t_0 dS_0$$

$$df = t dS = t_0 dS_0$$

For solid mechanics applications, it is instructive to directly develop the conservation equations in terms of the Lagrangian measures of stress and strain in the reference configuration (  $P(F)$  and  $E$  ).

# Small deformation vs. Large deformation

## Small deformation hypothesis

- Small displacements: we equate the initial and deformed configurations, and set the equilibrium equation as the initial configuration (no update along time)

$$x \simeq X$$

- Small displacement gradient:

$$\left| \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial X_j} \right| \ll 1$$

- Under the small deformation hypothesis we can linearise the problem:

$$E_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial X_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial X_i} + \frac{\partial u_k}{\partial X_i} \frac{\partial u_k}{\partial X_j} \right) \simeq \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial X_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial X_i} \right)$$

In this presentation we will assume Large deformations



# Polar decomposition

## Polar decomposition theorem for large deformations

- Any gradient tensor  $\mathbf{F}$  with a nonzero determinant can be multiplicatively decomposed into the product of an orthogonal matrix  $\mathbf{R}$  and a positive definite symmetric tensor  $\mathbf{U}$

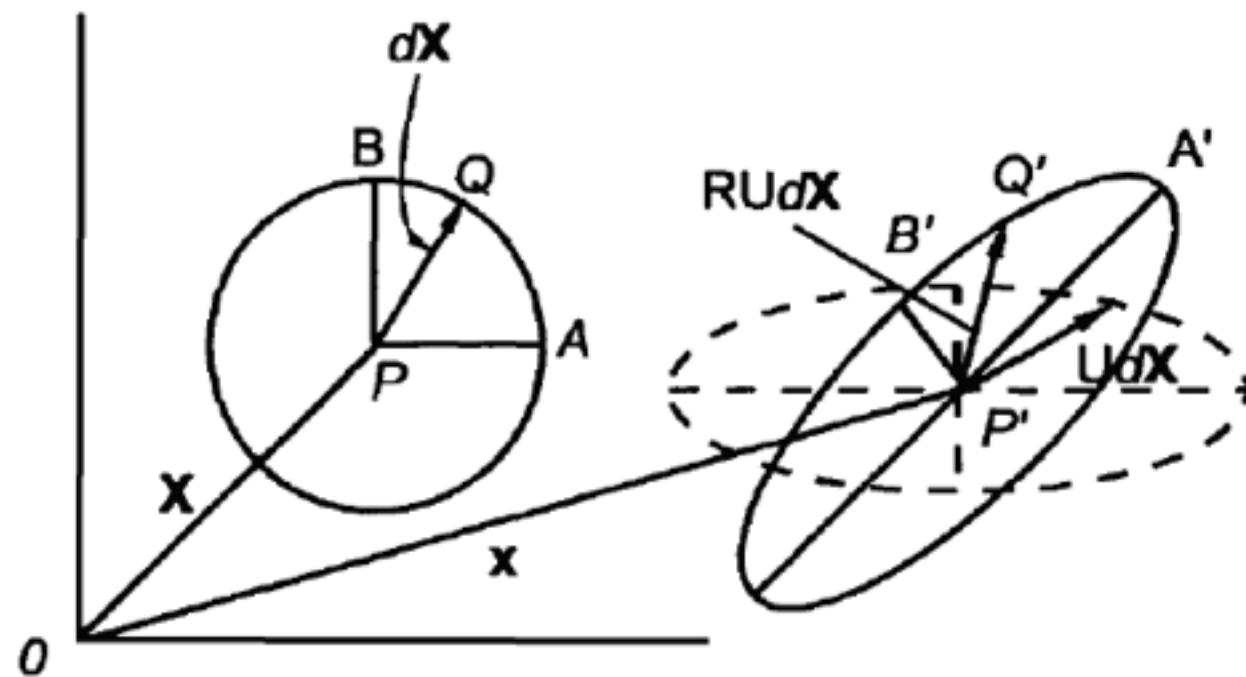
$$\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{R} \cdot \mathbf{U}$$

$$F_{ij} = \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial X_j} = R_{ik} U_{kj}$$

## Physical interpretation

- The material element  $d\mathbf{X}$  first undergoes a pure stretching  $\mathbf{U}$  and then rotation  $\mathbf{R}$

$$d\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{R} \cdot \mathbf{U} \cdot d\mathbf{X}$$

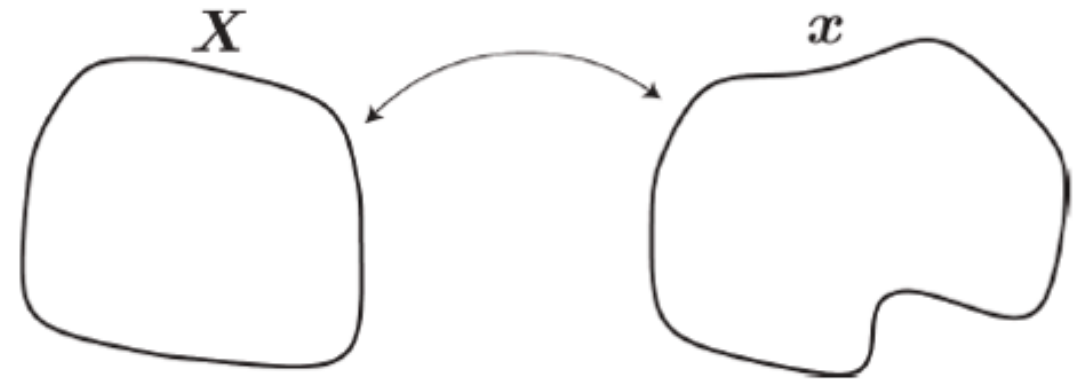


# Conservation equations

Conservation of linear momentum with the first PK  $\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{F})$ .

$$\rho_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{X}, t)}{\partial t} = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{P} + \rho_0 \mathbf{b}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_V \rho_0 \mathbf{v} dV = \int_V \rho_0 \mathbf{b} dV + \int_{\partial V} \mathbf{t} dS$$



This must be complemented with the **constitutive equation**, which characterises the material behaviour:

$$\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{E})$$

*The pair  $\mathbf{P}$  and  $\mathbf{F}$  is not especially useful for constructing constitutive equations, since  $\mathbf{F}$  does not vanish in rigid body motion and  $\mathbf{P}$  is not symmetric. Therefore constitutive equations are usually formulated in terms of the PK2 stress  $\mathbf{S}$  and the Green strain  $\mathbf{E}$ .*

# Weak form: principle of virtual power

- Multiply the momentum equation by a test function  $w$  and integrate over the reference configuration

$$\rho_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{X}, t)}{\partial t} = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{P} + \rho_0 \mathbf{b}$$

$$\int_{B_0} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{P} \cdot w \, dV + \int_{B_0} \mathbf{b}_0 \cdot w \, dV = \int_{B_0} \rho_0 \ddot{\mathbf{x}} \cdot w \, dV$$

- Apply integration by parts and the divergence theorem in the first integral

$$\int_{\partial B_0} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{n}_0 \cdot w \, dS + \int_{B_0} \mathbf{b}_0 \cdot w \, dV = \int_{B_0} \mathbf{P} \cdot \nabla w \, dV + \int_{B_0} \rho_0 \ddot{\mathbf{x}} \cdot w \, dV$$

- Since  $w = 0$  in the boundary and the applied traction  $\bar{\mathbf{t}}_0 = \mathbf{P} \mathbf{n}_0$  at the traction boundary

$$\int_{\partial_t B_0} \bar{\mathbf{t}}_0 \cdot w \, dS + \int_{B_0} \mathbf{b}_0 \cdot w \, dV = \int_{B_0} \mathbf{P} \cdot \nabla w \, dV + \int_{B_0} \rho_0 \ddot{\mathbf{x}} \cdot w \, dV$$



# Weak form: principle of virtual power

- It can also be deduced from the principle of virtual work

$$\int_{\partial_t B_0} \bar{t}_0 \cdot w \, dS + \int_{B_0} b_0 \cdot w \, dV = \int_{B_0} P \cdot \nabla w \, dV + \int_{B_0} \rho_0 \ddot{x} \cdot w \, dV$$

VW of boundary  
loads

VW of volumetric  
loads

VW of internal  
(elastic) forces

VW of inertial  
forces

VW of external loads

- Usually it is written as the equilibrium equation

$$W^{\text{int}}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{x}) - W^{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{x}) + W^{\text{kin}}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{x}) = 0$$

# Discretization with FEM

- As standard, approximate unknown nodal position and test functions

$$x_h^e(X) = \sum_{a \in \Omega_0^e} N^a(\xi) x^a \qquad w_h^e(X) = \sum_{a \in \Omega_0^e} N^a(\xi) w^a$$

- And replacing in the weak form

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_e \int_{\Omega_0^e} \left( \rho_0 N^a N^b \, dV \right) \ddot{x}^a \cdot w^b + \sum_e \int_{\Omega_0^e} \left( P(N^a x^a) \nabla_0 N^b \, dV \right) \cdot w^b \\ = \sum_e \int_{\partial_t \Omega_0^e} \left( \bar{t}_0 N^b \, dS \right) \cdot w^b + \sum_e \int_{\Omega_0^e} \left( b_0 N^b \, dV \right) \cdot w^b, \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{M} \ddot{\mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{f}_{\text{int}}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{f}_{\text{ext}}$$

# Solving the system of equations

- **Static problems** (no need to compute matrix M)
  - Solve the matrix equations (direct solver vs. iterative solver)

$$\mathbf{K}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{f}$$

- **Dynamic problems:** the discretised equations are coupled with a set of ODEs
  - Select a time step  $\Delta t$
  - Adopt an algorithm to advance in discrete time steps:  
**Newmark scheme**
  - Stability and accuracy need to be considered

$$\mathbf{M}\ddot{\mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{K}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{f}$$

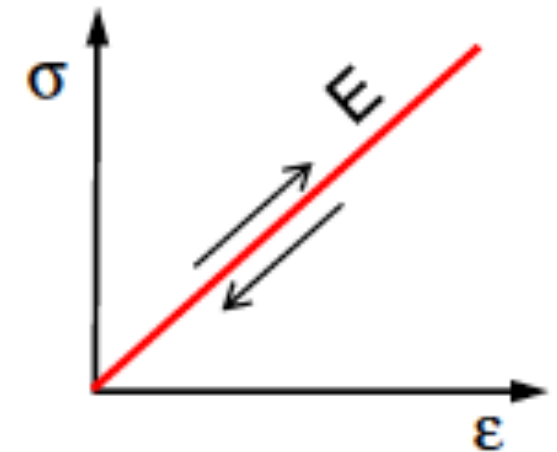


# Elasticity

# Linear Elasticity

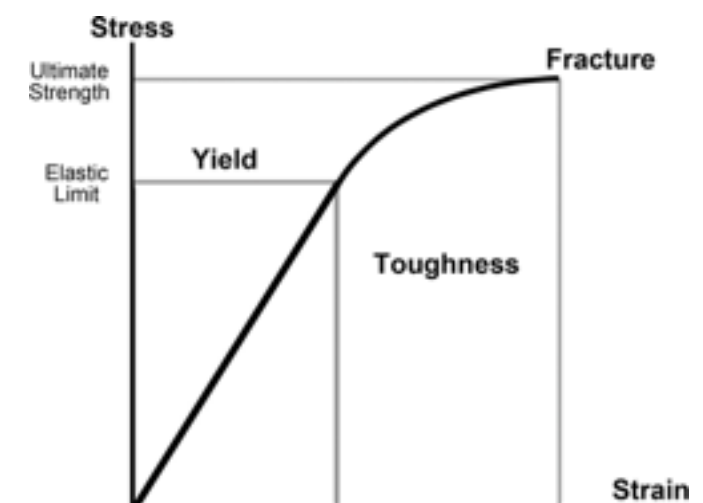
What does **linear elastic** mean?

- An elastic material wants to resist a change in shape. It returns to its original shape.
- Linear relationship between how hard you squish it and how much it deforms (stress and strain).



Do real materials that we care about actually have these properties?

- In general, solids like plastic and metal behave more or less as linear elastic materials unless you really bend or squish them.
- Above some threshold amount of force, materials become both nonlinear and non-elastic. After that point, materials will usually permanently bend and eventually crack.



# Isotropic Elasticity

- **Elasticity**: one-to-one relation between stress and deformation.
- **Isotropic elasticity**: the behaviour is independent of the orientation.  
The elasticity tensor  $C$  does not depend on the basis.

$$\mathbf{S} = \mathbb{C} \mathbf{E}$$

$$S_{ij} = \mathbb{C}_{ijkl} E_{kl}$$

$$\begin{aligned} C_{ijkl} &= C_{ijlk} \\ C_{ijkl} &= C_{jikl} \\ C_{ijkl} &= C_{klij} \end{aligned}$$

*$C$  is a 4th order tensor with 81 parameters but.. applying symmetries it reduces to 21 parameters*

*Recall: we use total Lagrangian formulation, where 2PK  $\mathbf{S}$  and the G-L strain  $\mathbf{E}$  are the natural choice. It's easy to recover 1PK  $\mathbf{P}$  from:*

$$\mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{S} = \mathbf{P}^T$$

# Isotropic elasticity

In the case of isotropic elasticity, the elasticity tensor  $\mathbb{C}$  is constant and solely characterised by a pair of elastic moduli, e.g., two **Lame's constants**  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$

$$\mathbb{C} = \lambda \mathbf{I} \otimes \mathbf{I} + 2\mu \mathbf{I}$$

$$C_{ijkl} = \lambda \delta_{ij} \delta_{kl} + \mu (\delta_{ik} \delta_{jl} + \delta_{il} \delta_{jk})$$

Lamé equations

$$\mathbf{S} = \lambda \text{tr}(\mathbf{E}) \mathbf{I} + 2\mu \mathbf{E} \quad \lambda = \frac{\nu E}{(1 + \nu)(1 - 2\nu)} \quad \mu = \frac{E}{2(1 + \nu)}$$

Usually the following parameters are used

$$\begin{aligned} G &= \mu \\ E &= \frac{\mu(3\lambda + 2\mu)}{\lambda + \mu} \\ \nu &= \frac{\lambda}{2(\lambda + \mu)} \end{aligned}$$

*Shear modulus*

*Young modulus*

*Poisson*

$$\mathbb{C} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda + 2\mu & \lambda & \lambda & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \lambda & \lambda + 2\mu & \lambda & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \lambda & \lambda & \lambda + 2\mu & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \mu & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mu & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mu \end{bmatrix}$$



# Young modulus and poisson

**Poisson effect:** when a material is compressed in one direction, it usually tends to expand in the other two perpendicular directions:.

The limits of the Poisson ratio are:

- $\nu=0$ : no influence of lateral stresses to the strain, no lateral contraction (cork)
- $\nu=0.5$ : incompressible material, means there is no volume change under loads (rubber)
- $\nu=0.2-0.3$ : typical values for linear elastic material (ceramics and metals)

**Young's modulus**, which is also known as the elastic modulus, is a mechanical property of linear elastic solid materials. It defines the relationship between stress and strain in a material.

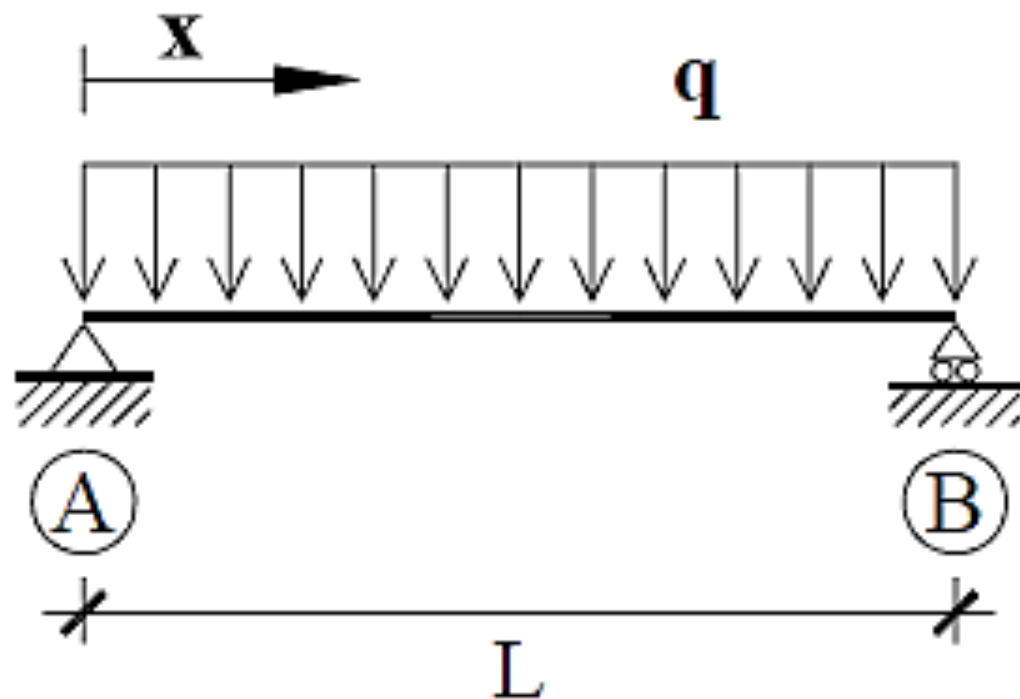
Material	Youngs Modulus /GPa
Mild Steel	210
Copper	120
Bone	18
Plastic	2
Rubber	0.02

# Simply supported beam

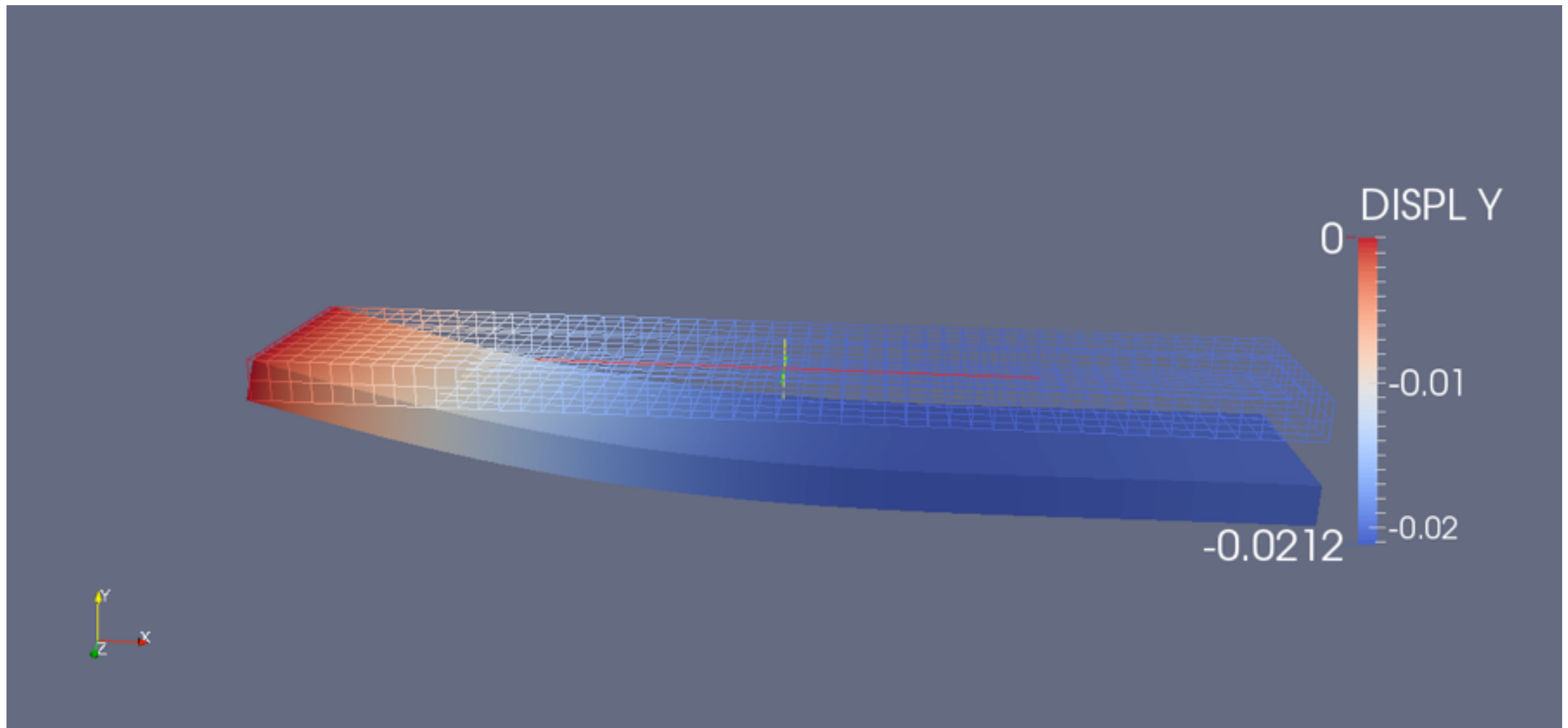
Supported bridges and high way road.



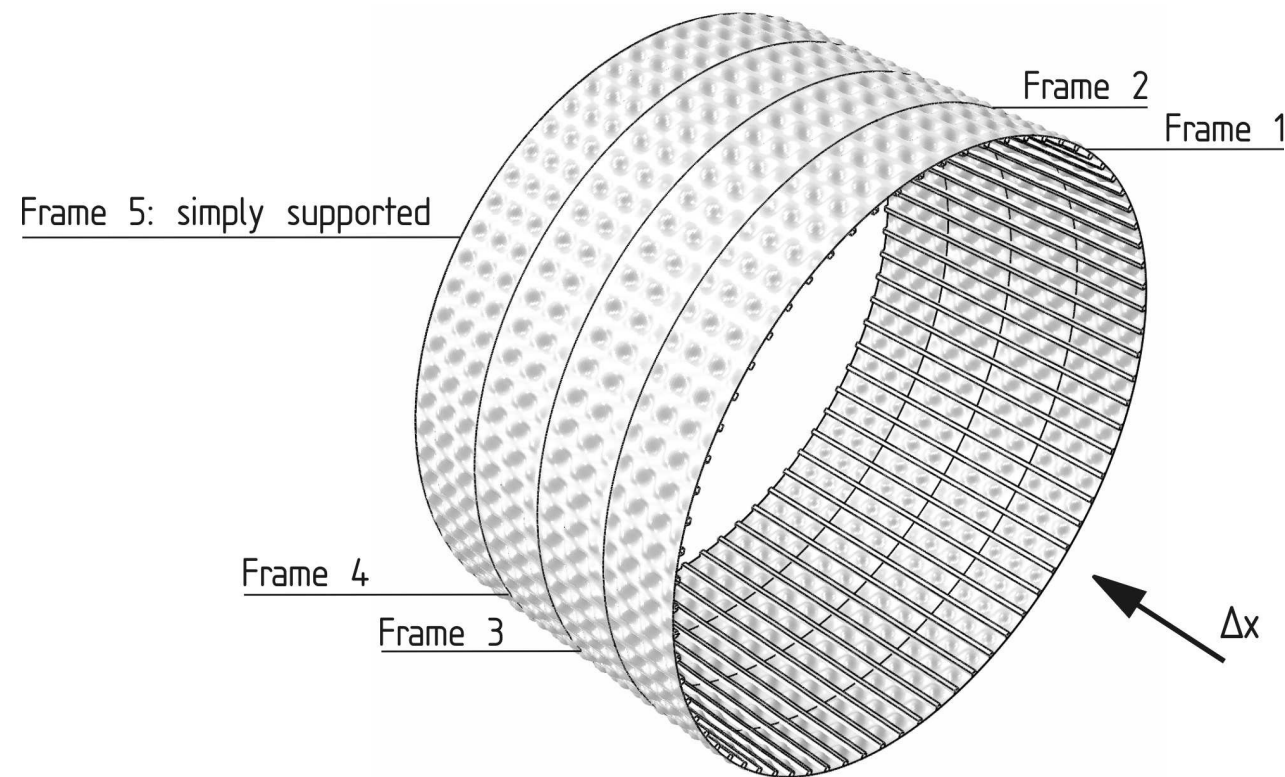
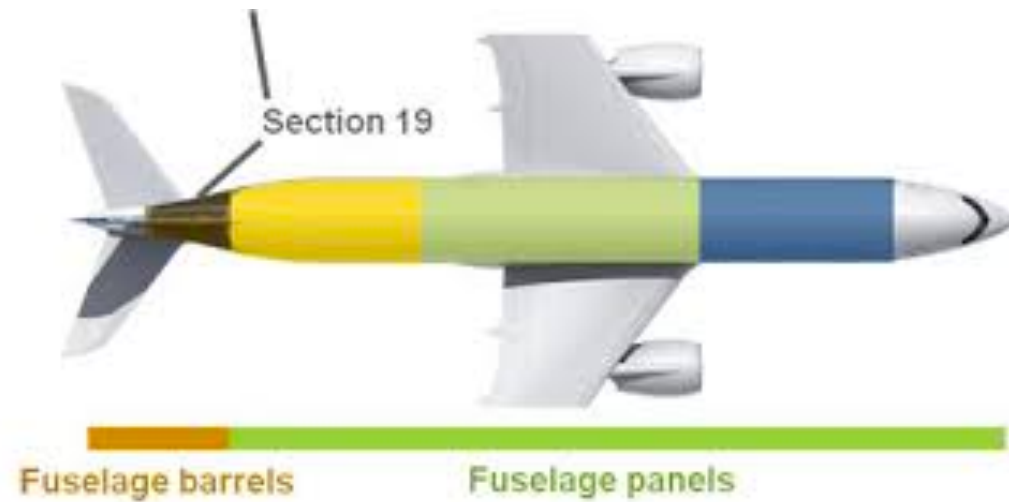
- $E = 2.1e+11$
- $\nu = 0.3$
- dimensions:
  - Real:  $100 \times 50 \times 2$
  - Model:  $50 \times 50 \times 2$  (symmetry BC)
- pressure = 0.5



# Simply supported beam



# Full barrel fuselage



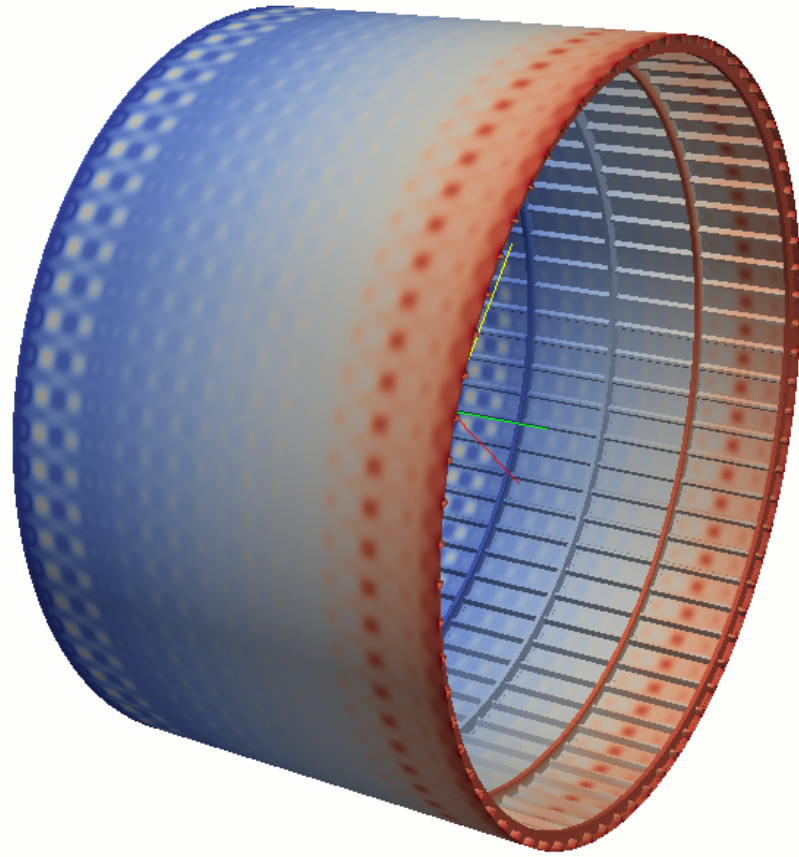
$$E = 70000, \nu = 0.3$$

Isotropic material behaviour

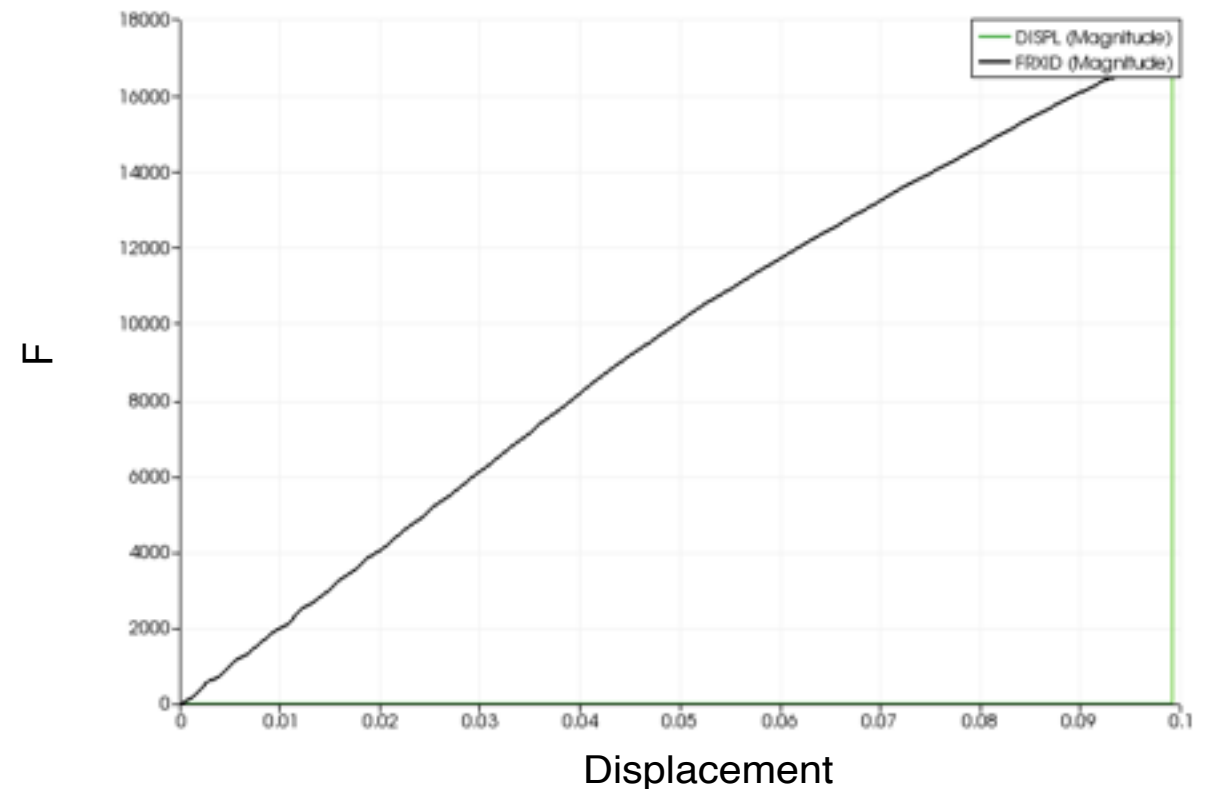
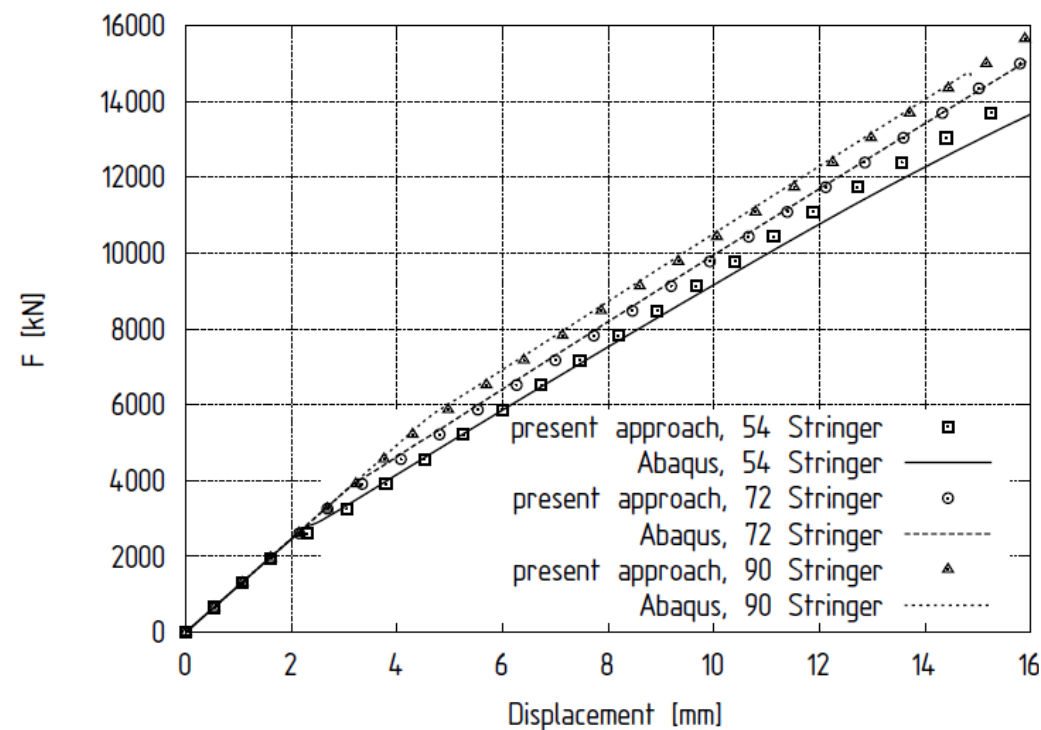
Uniaxial compression loading



# Full barrel fuselage: postbuckling behaviour



**Buckling** is a mathematical instability, leading to a failure mode. It is caused by a bifurcation in the solution to the equations of static equilibrium.





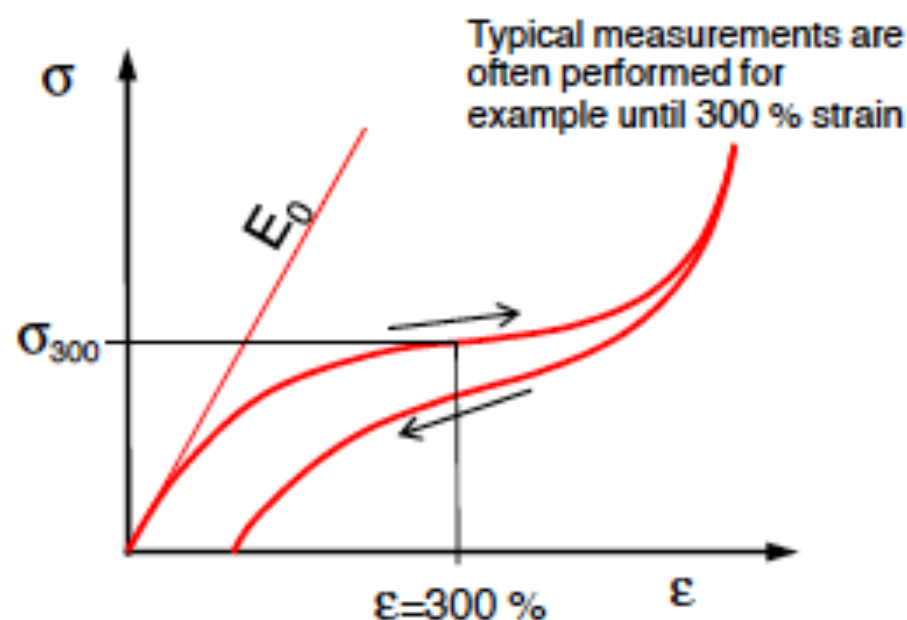
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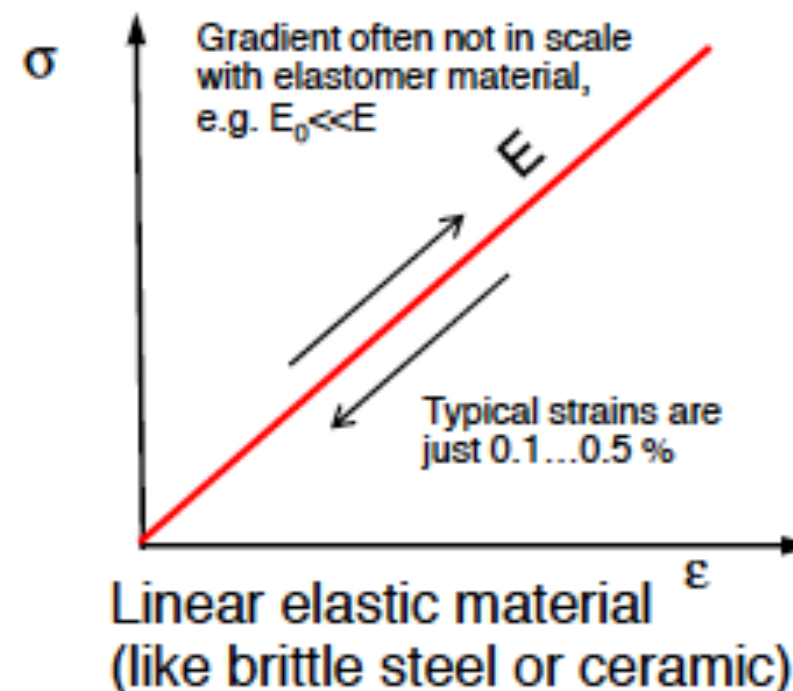
## Definition and properties

- Materials that exhibit elastic behaviour through large strains to 300%.
- Stress is a function of current total strain (independent of history).
- Stress-strain relationship derives from a strain energy density function (elastic potential)  $W(E)$  instead of a constant factor, such that

$$S = \frac{\partial W(E)}{\partial E}$$



Elastomer material behavior



Linear elastic material  
(like brittle steel or ceramic)

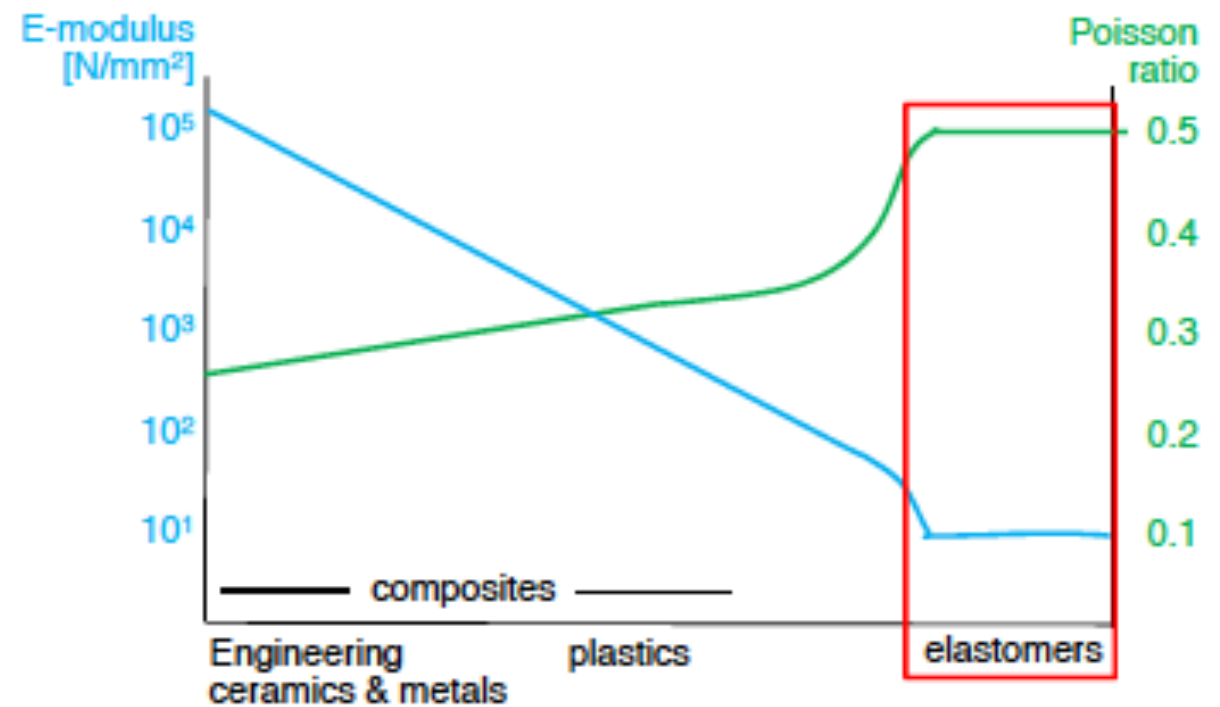
# Hyperelasticity

Generally comes with **incompressibility** ( $J=1$ )

- The volume preserves during large deformation.
- Mixed formulation: completely incompressible hyperelasticity (pressure  $p$  is additional unknown).
- Penalty formulation: nearly incompressible hyperelasticity (linearization).

## Typical materials

- Rubber material
- Plastic - particularly foams
- Biological tissues



# Constitutive models in hyperelasticity

- The description of the strain energy density  $W$  is much more complex, compared to linear elastic material, where  $S$  is a linear function of  $E$ .
- In general  $W$  is a function of the stretch invariants  $W=f(I_1, I_2, I_3)$ .

$$W = \sum_{i+j=1}^N C_{ij} (I_1 - 3)^i (I_2 - 3)^j + \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{D_k} (J - 1)^{2k}$$

## Classical hyper elastic models

- Neo-hookean  $W = C_{10}(I_1 - 3) + \frac{K}{2}(J - 1)^2$
- Mooney-Rivlin  $W = C_{10}(I_1 - 3) + C_{01}(I_2 - 3) + \frac{K}{2}(J - 1)^2$
- Holzapfel  $W = \frac{a}{2b} e^{b(I_1 - 3)} - \frac{a}{2}(I_1 - 3) + \frac{af}{2b_f} \left\{ e^{b_f(I_4 - 1)^2} - 1 \right\} + \frac{K}{2}(J - 1)^2$

# What is the right model to describe my material?

- If the strain is below approx. 5-10%, for many applications the simple **Hooke's law** is accurate enough to describe hyperelastic materials, so the time consuming nonlinear analysis can be replaced by a very quick linear one.
- If the strain becomes bigger but we don't have many test data, it is a good idea to start as a rough estimate with the most simple model, **Neo-hookean**, where the two necessary material constants can be obtained from the initial shear and initial bulk modulus.

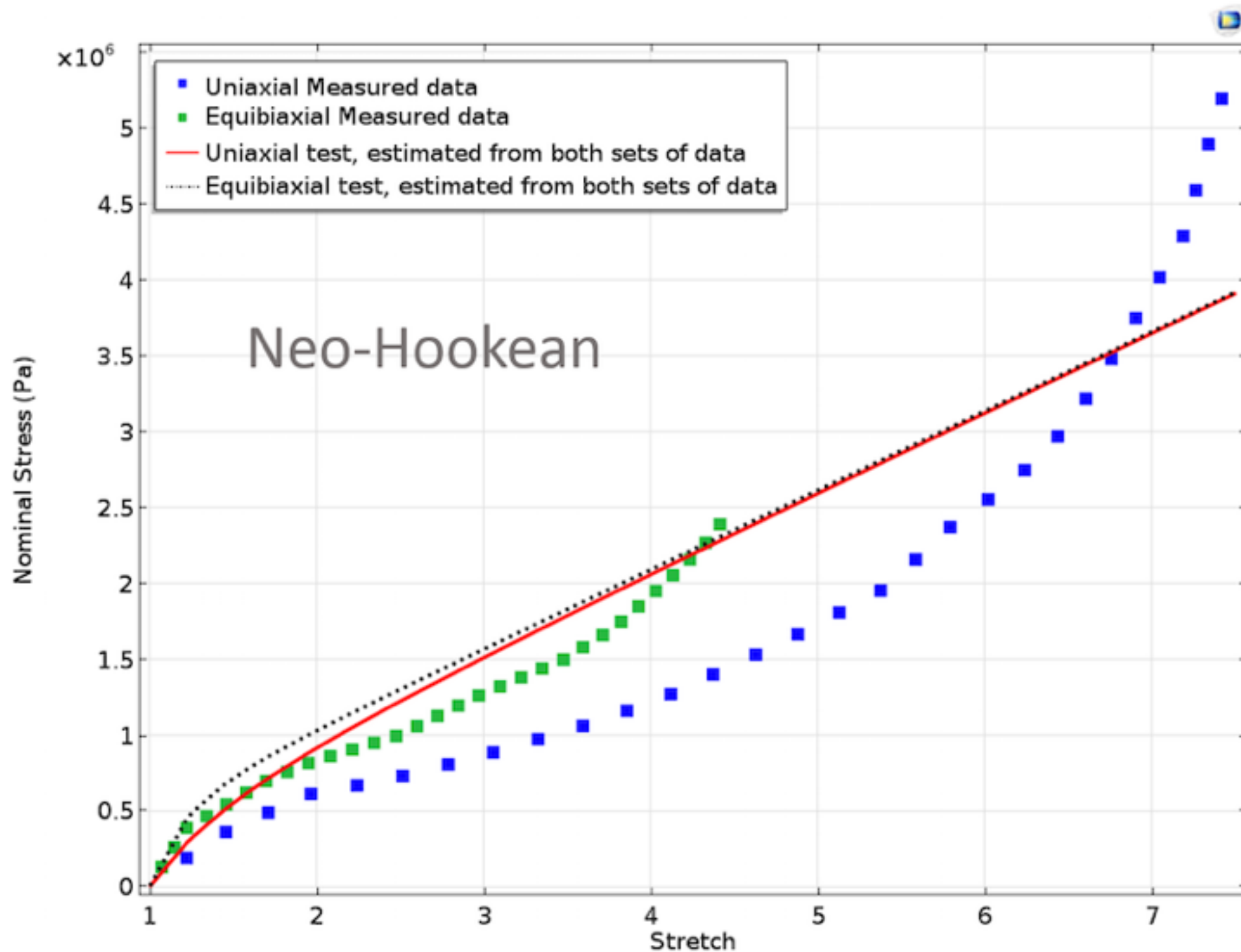
$$C_{10} = \frac{G}{2} \quad K = \frac{E}{3(1 - 2\nu)}$$

*K is the bulk modulus and represents the ratio between uniform stress and uniform strain (~inverse of compressibility)*

- If more tests are available, we select the best suitable model...



# Neo-hookean material: uniaxial test

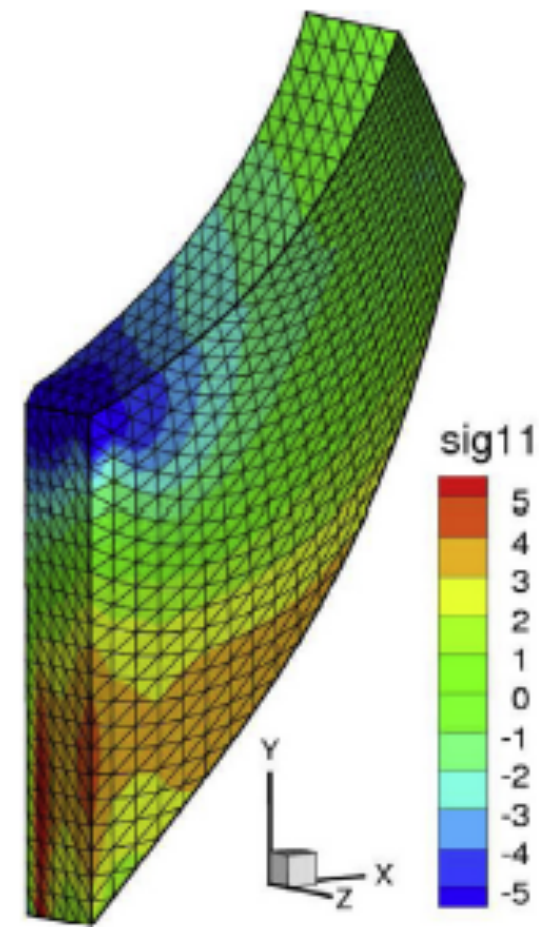
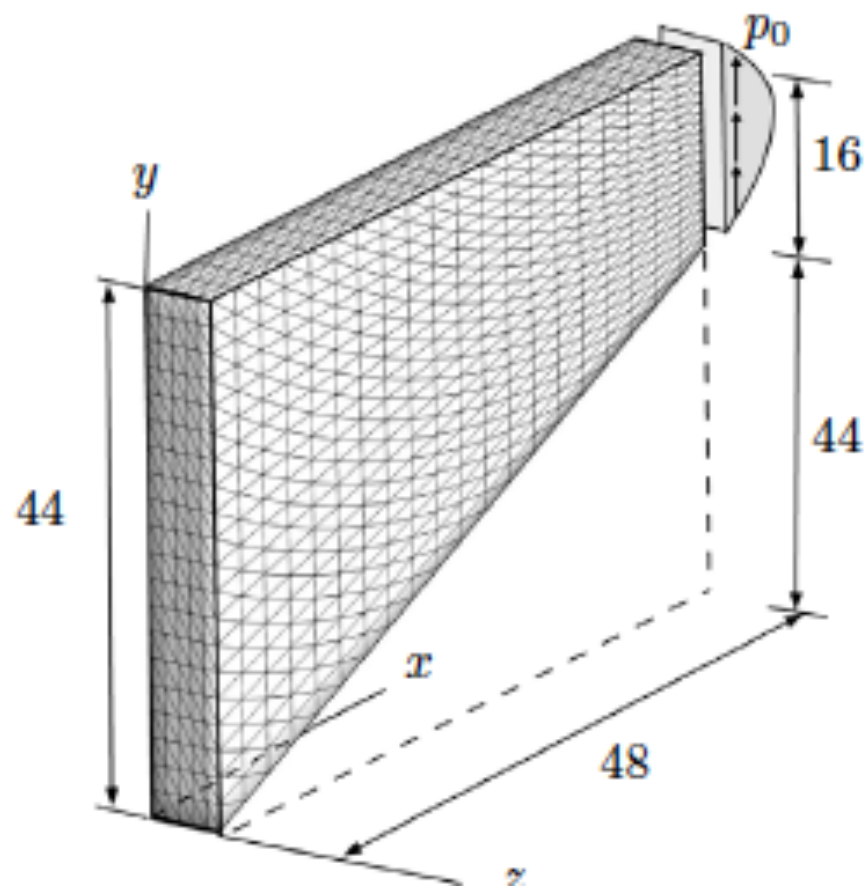


# Neo-hookean material: Cook's membrane test

Soft material ( $\sim$ biological tissue):

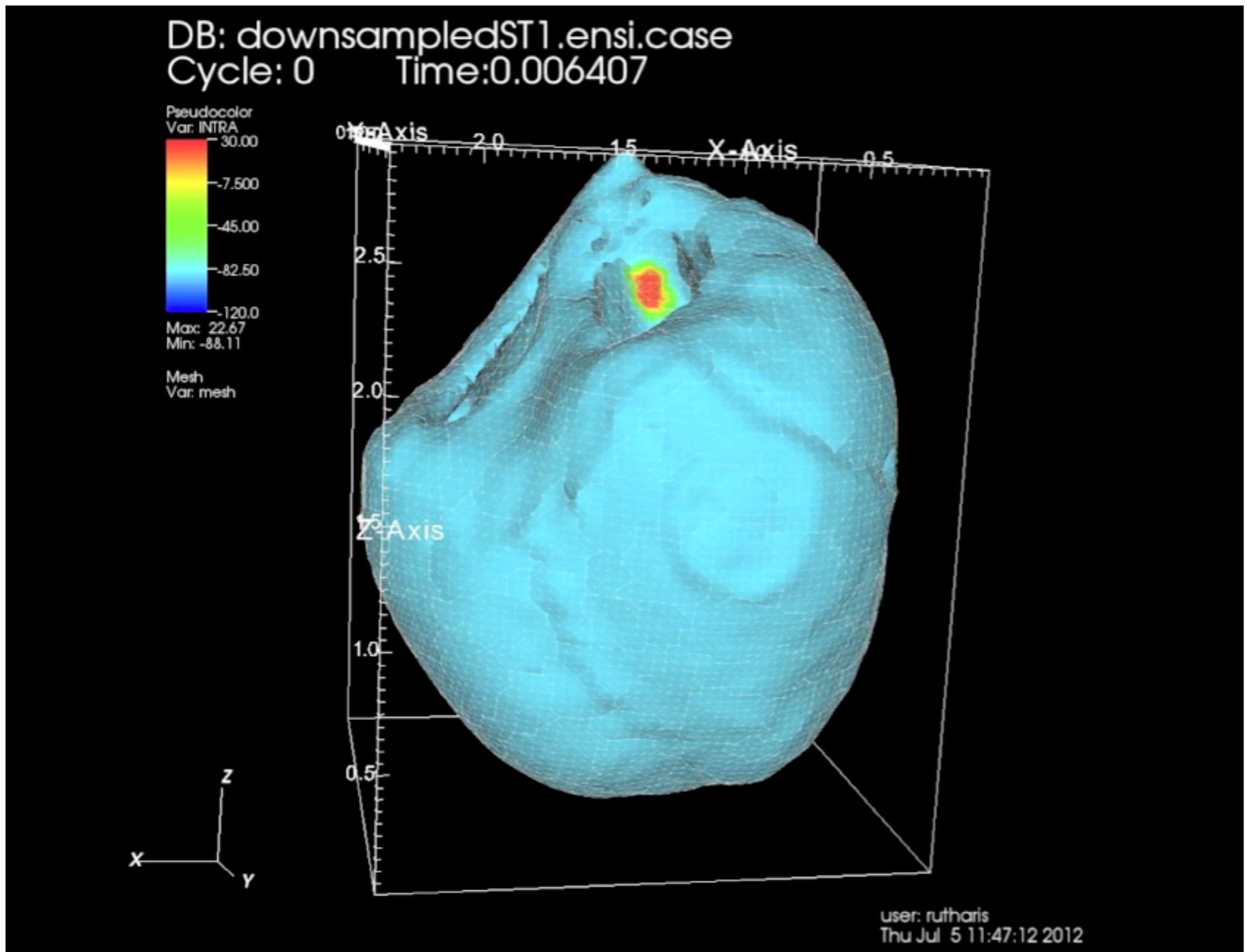
$$E = 200$$

$$\nu = 0.35$$



Robust numerical calculation of tangent moduli at finite strains based on complex-step derivative approximation and its application to localization analysis  
Masato Tanaka, Masaki Fujikawa, Daniel Balzani, Jörg Schröder

# HGO material: Cardiac model



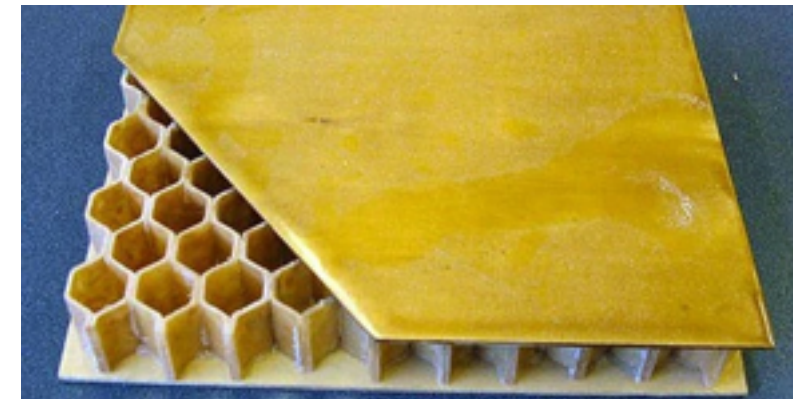
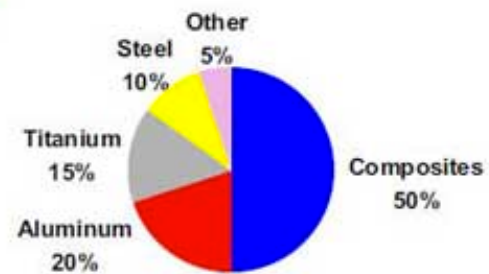
# Composite materials



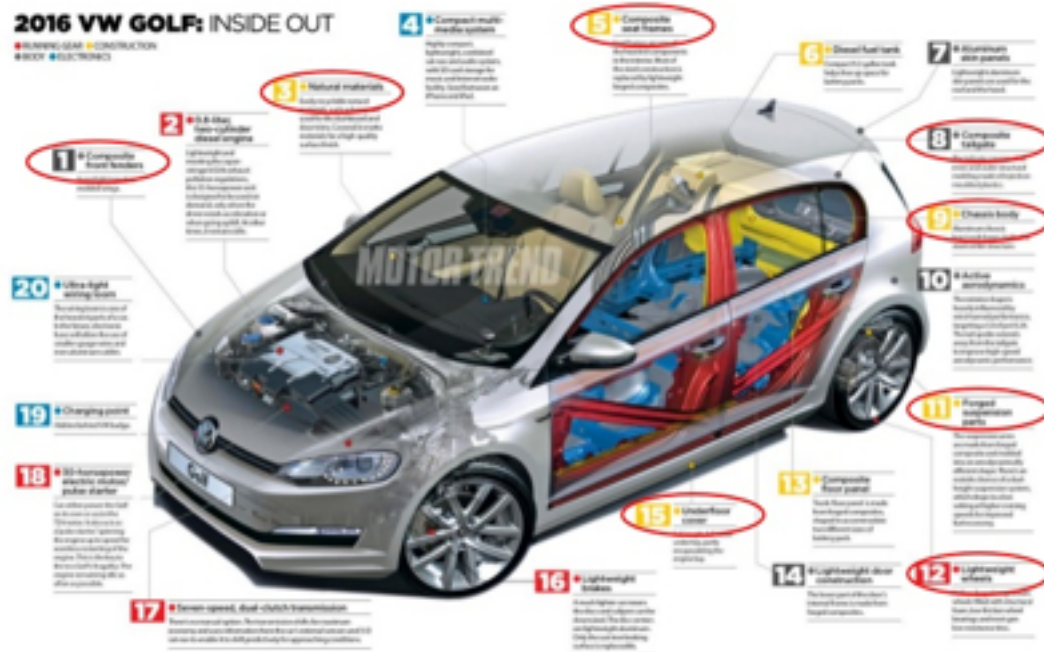
# Composite materials



- Carbon laminate
- Carbon sandwich
- Fiberglass
- Aluminum
- Aluminum/steel/titanium pylons



## Multiple Composite Materials





# Composite materials

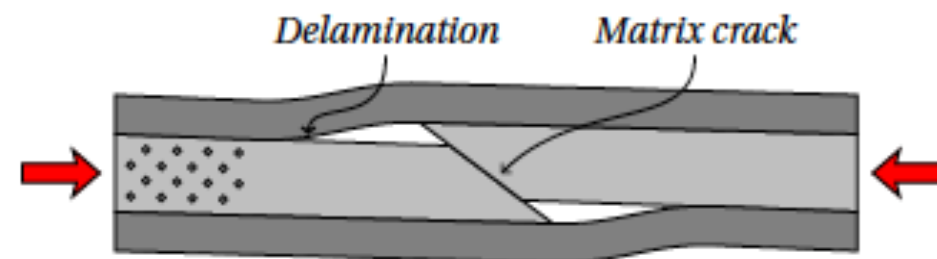
## Why composite laminates?

- High strength/stiffness and light weight
- Excellent Thermal/Erosion Resistance
- Anisotropic Mechanical/Thermal Behavior
- Design optimization

*The deficiencies in the models representing mechanical behaviour of composites have tremendous effects on the costs of composite structures*

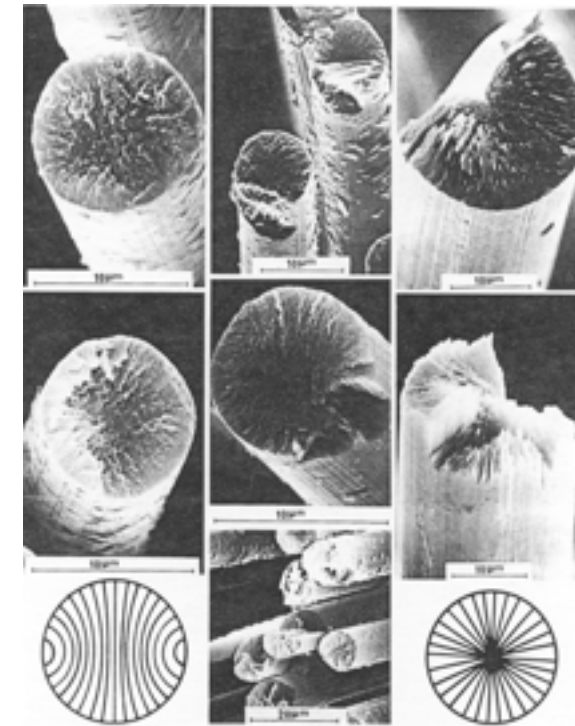
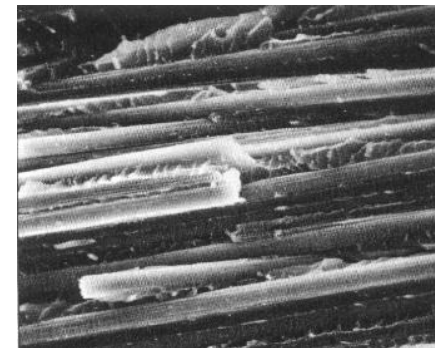
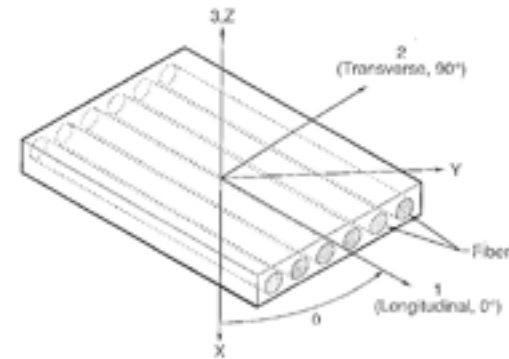
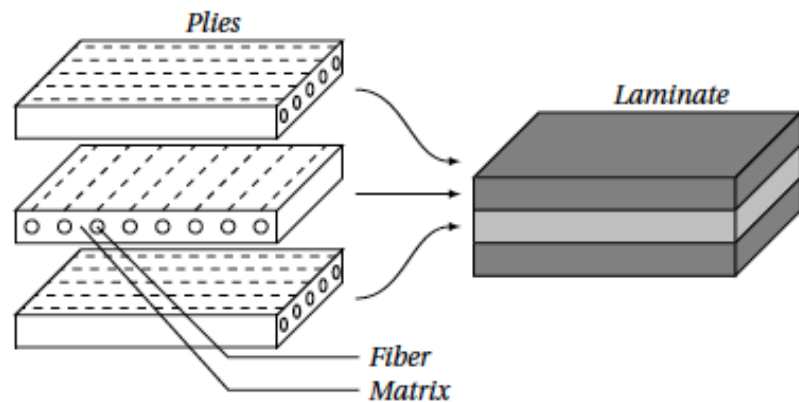
## How to improve constitutive models?

- Simulate different failure scenarios where the analytical are no longer valid



# Composite materials

Fiber	+	Matrix	=	Composite
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Glass</li><li>- SiC</li><li>- Aramid/Kevlar</li><li>- Carbon</li></ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Epoxy/Plastic</li><li>- Ceramic</li><li>- Metal</li></ul>		<p>Fiber reinforced plastic composite</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- GFRP</li><li>- CFRP</li><li>- Laminate</li><li>- Woven</li></ul>



- The composite is a system which consists of fibres in a resin or similar medium (usually called the matrix).
- The important strength and stiffness characteristic are provided by the high strength fibres.
- The fibres are usually shown as a schematic, in practice they will be very small diameter and scattered though the matrix in a ply.
- It is important to consider both the fibres and the matrix in the material stiffness and strength considerations.

# Composite materials: damage and failure

# Damage models

- In elastic materials, the mechanical response of a material is described by the relation

$$\sigma(\varepsilon)$$

- For more involved materials, such as composites, that may develop damage, we need to define a constitutive model with **internal variables**

$$\sigma(\varepsilon, D)$$

- The simplest damage model is the scalar damage model:

$$\sigma = (1 - d)\mathbb{C}\varepsilon$$

$$\sigma_{ij} = (1 - d)C_{ijkl}\varepsilon_{kl}$$

The internal variables track the material state. The determination of a reliable set of internal variables is a critical point in any constitutive model.

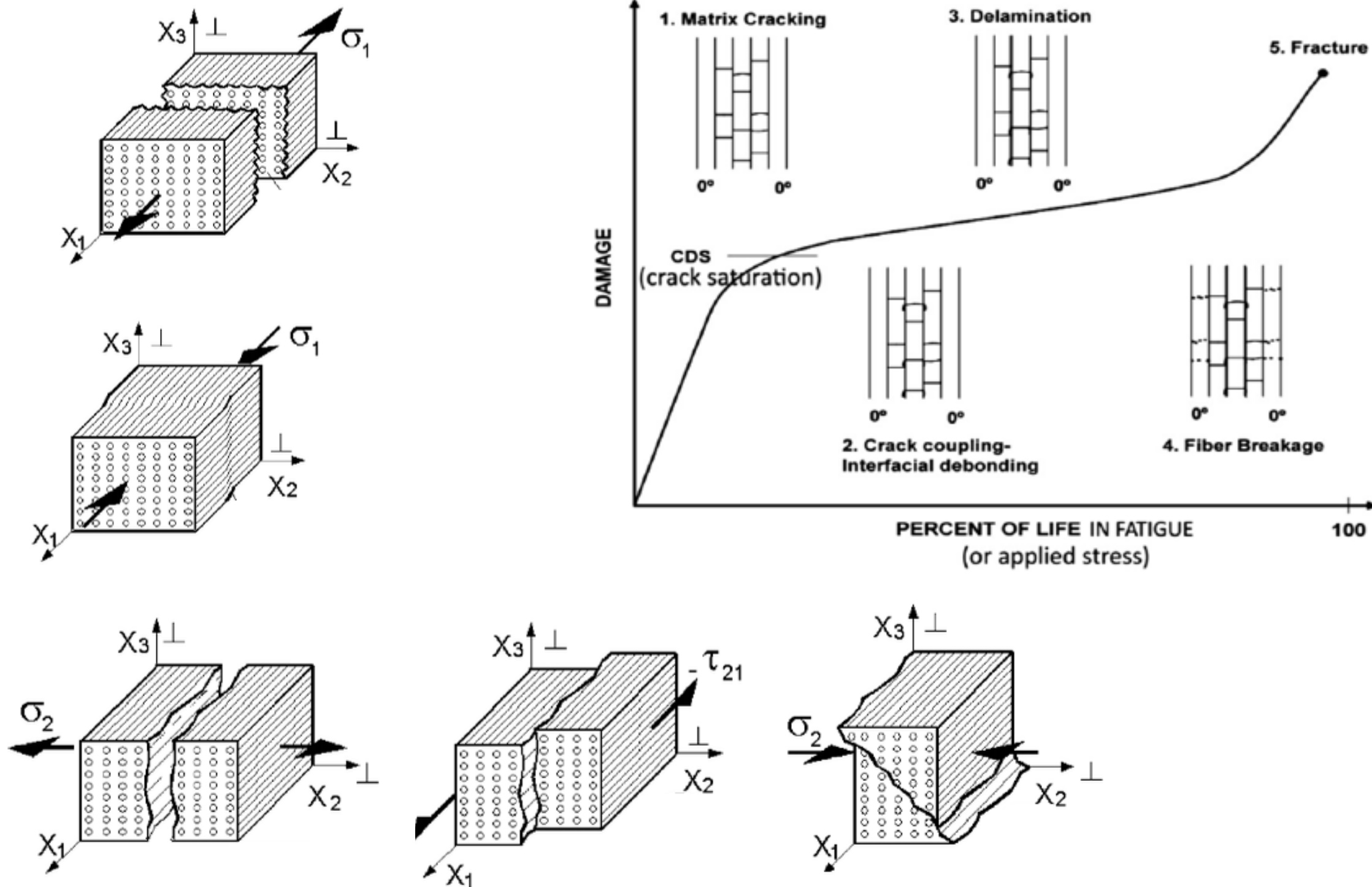
Typical internal variables are: temperature, kinematics, state variables.

- From a damage model it is necessary to define the **damage onset** and the **damage evolution** (damage laws).

# Damage models

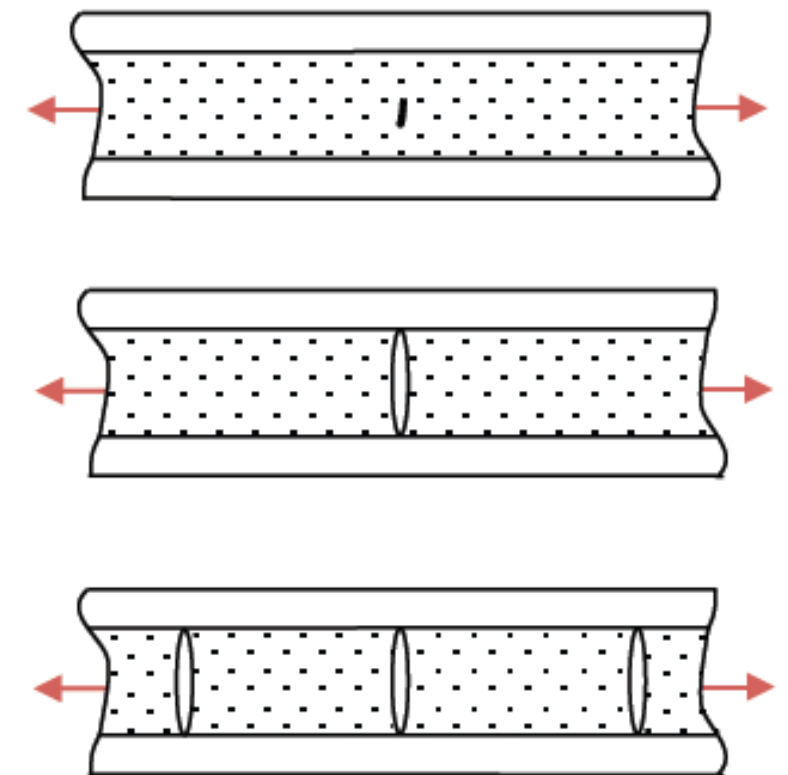
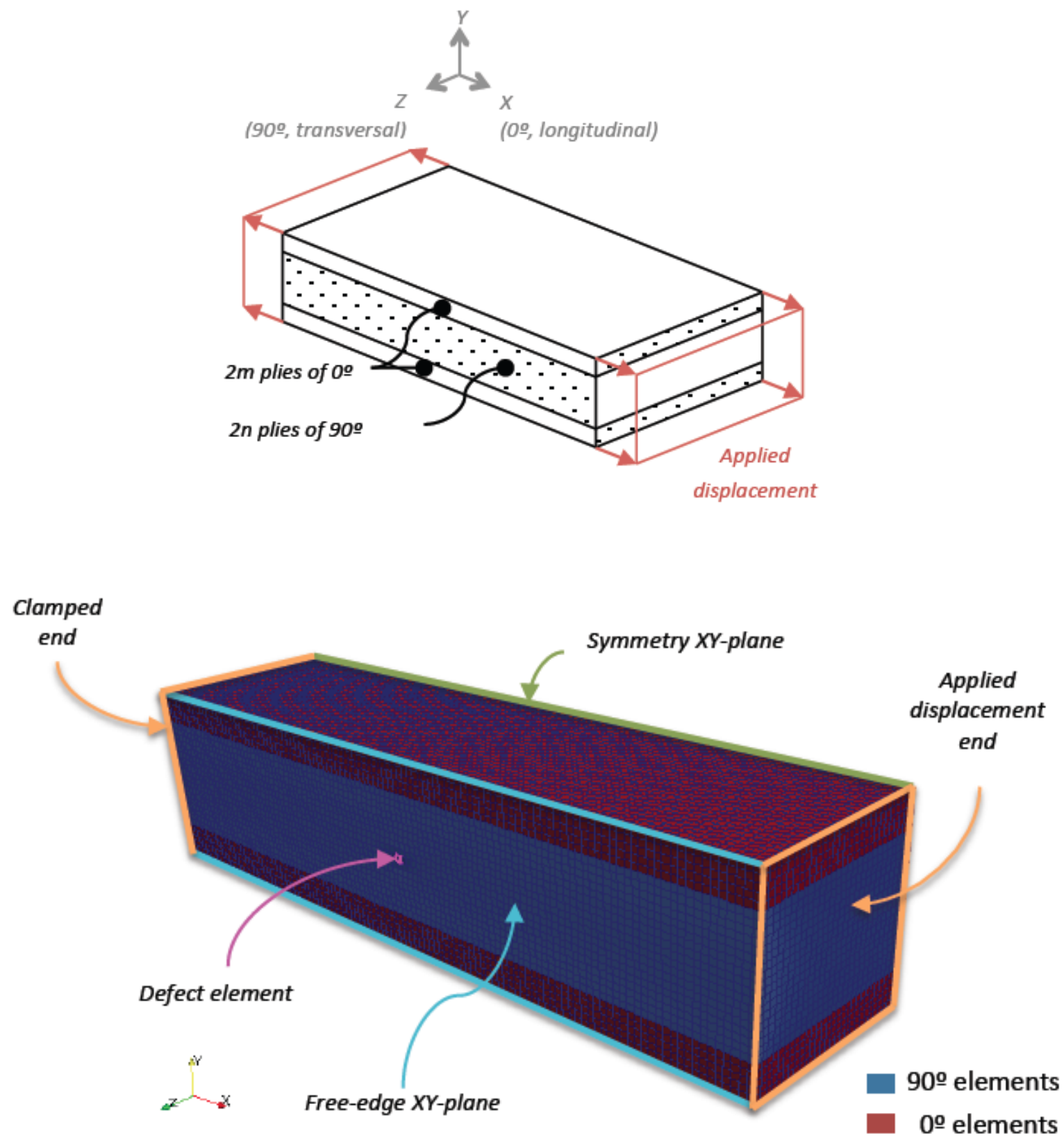
## Failure process

Source: Jamison RD et al.: Characterization and analysis of damage mechanisms in tension-tension fatigue of graphite/epoxy laminates. Effects of Defects in Composite Materials. ASTM STP 836; 1984. p. 21-55.



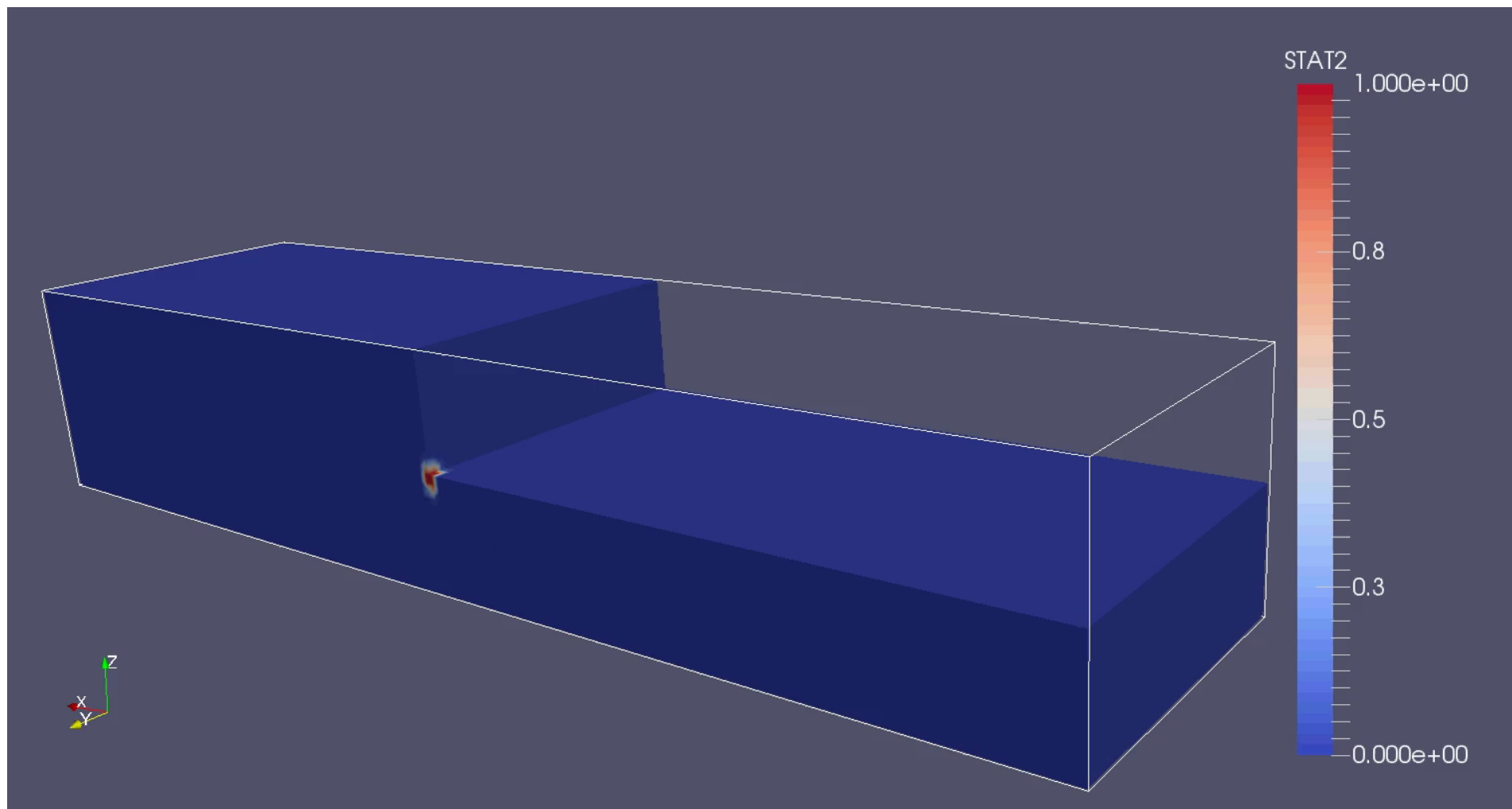


# Matrix cracking



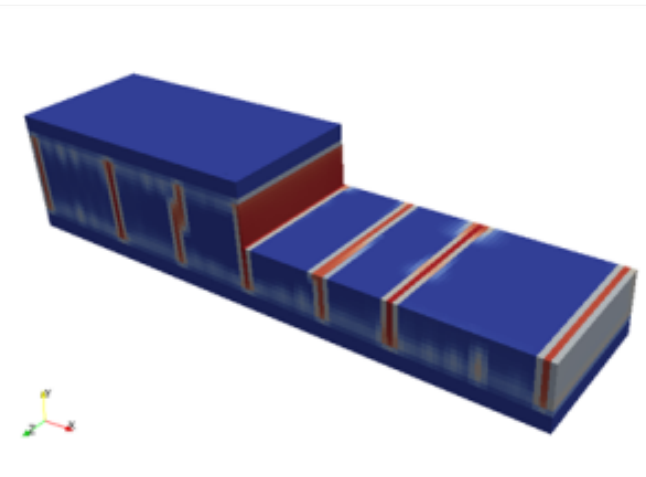
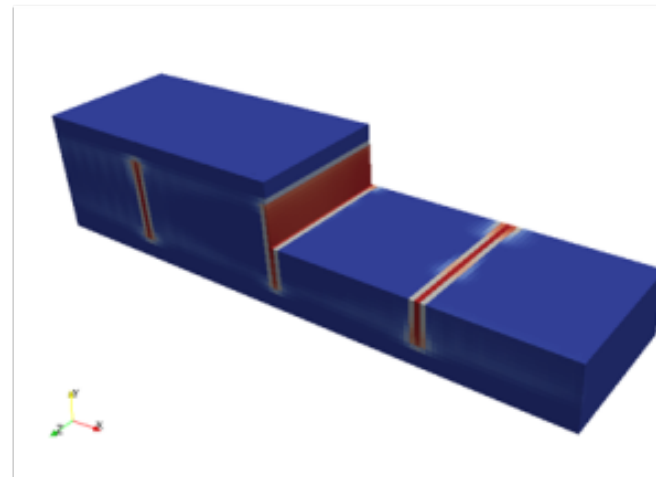
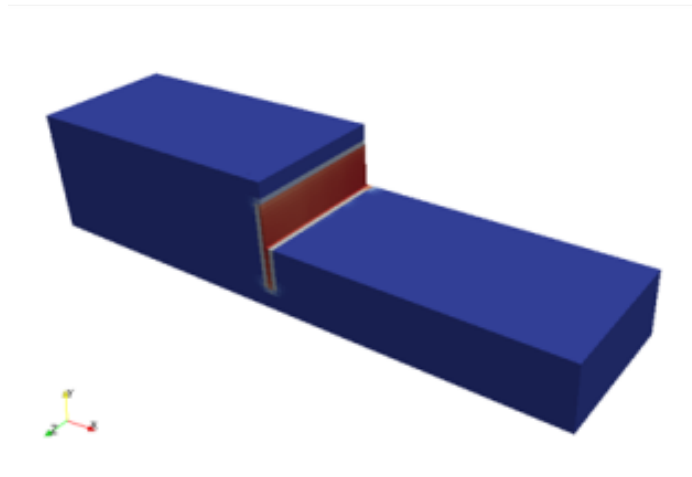
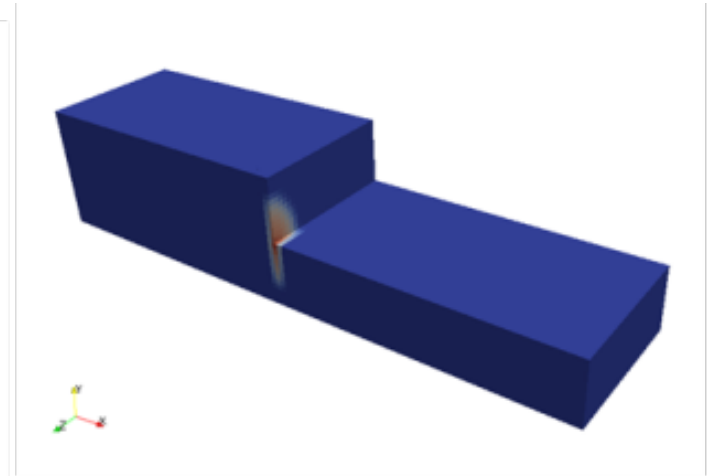
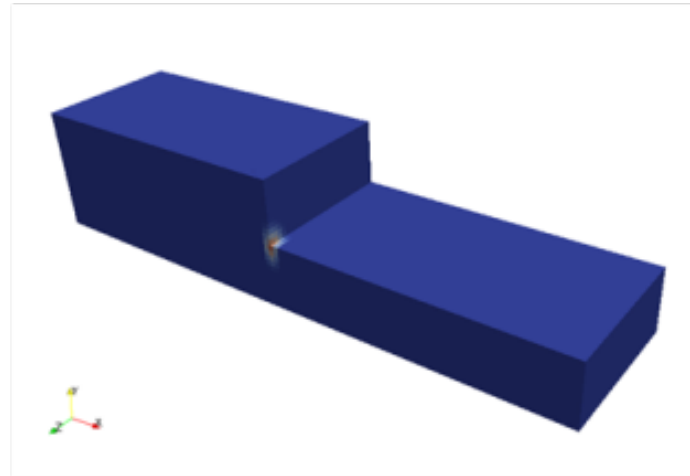
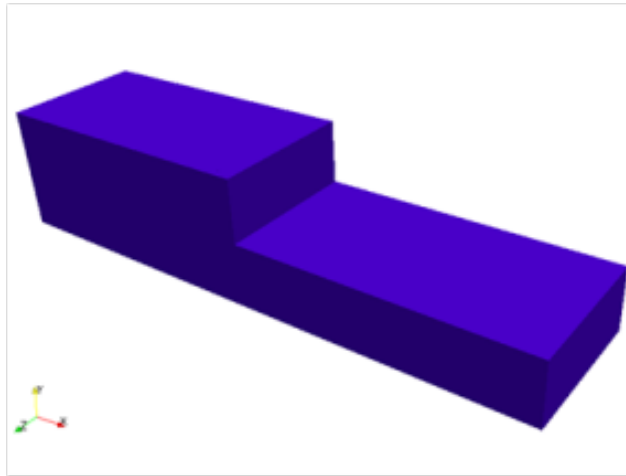
# Matrix cracking

Transverse cracking scheme: onset and accumulation up to the final failure



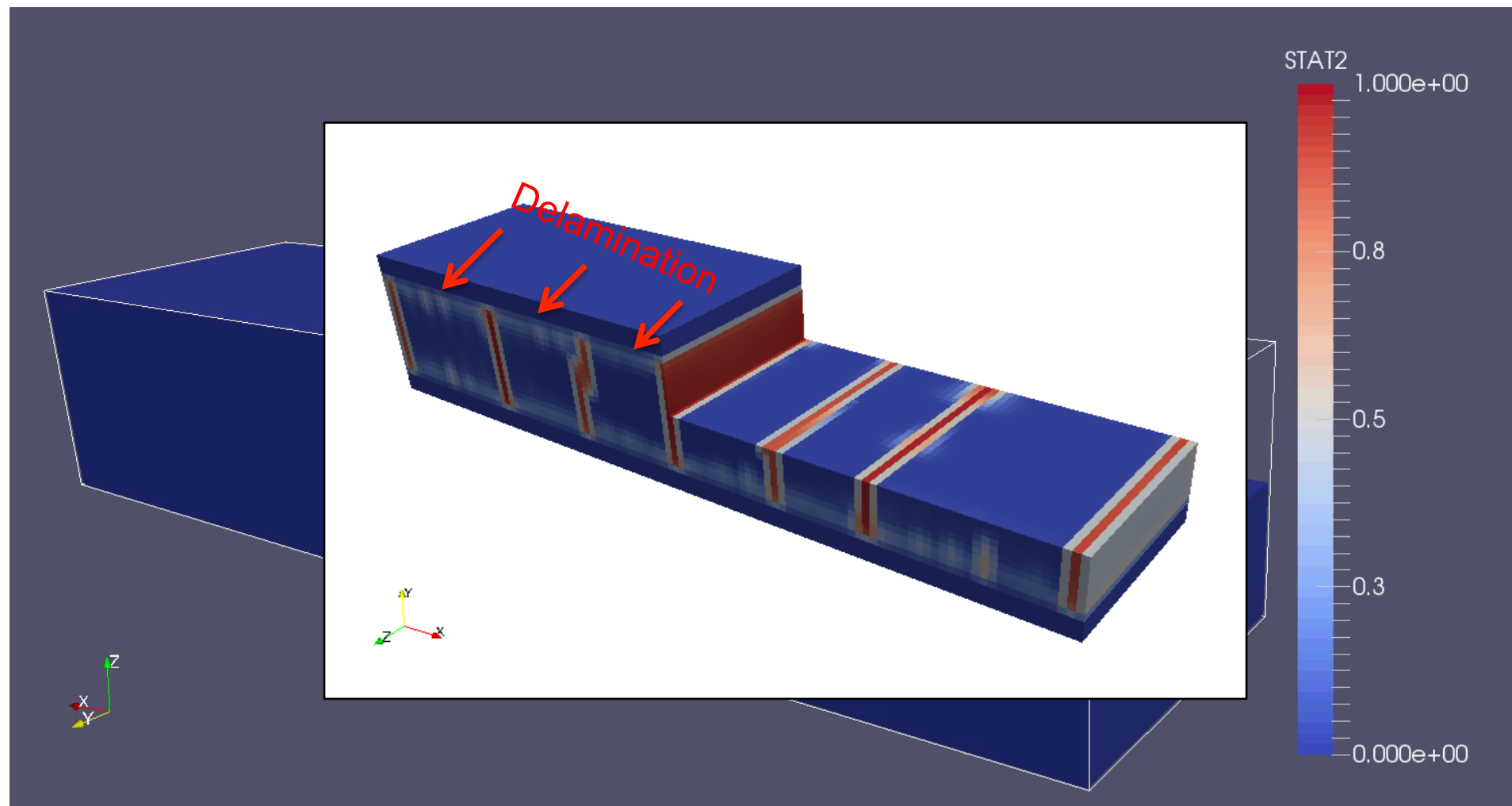
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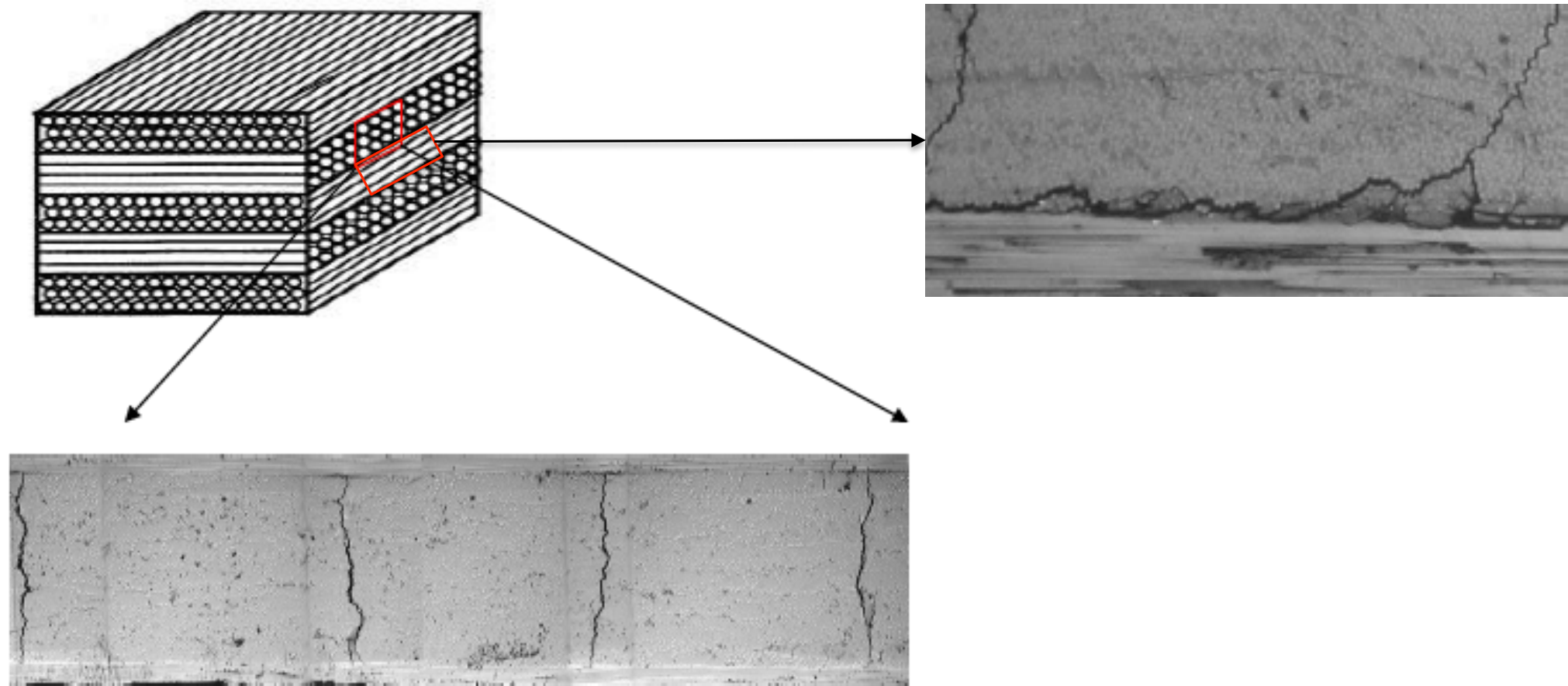


# Matrix cracking

Transverse cracking scheme: onset and accumulation up to the final failure



# Matrix cracking



*Figure 3. Cross-ply laminate with transverse matrix cracks in 90-layer.*

*[Bailey, J.E and Parvizi, A. (1981). On fiber debonding Effects and the Mechanisms of Transverse-Ply Failure in Cross-Ply Laminates of Glass/Fiber/Themroset Composites, J. mat. Sci., 16: 649-659]*

Fracture

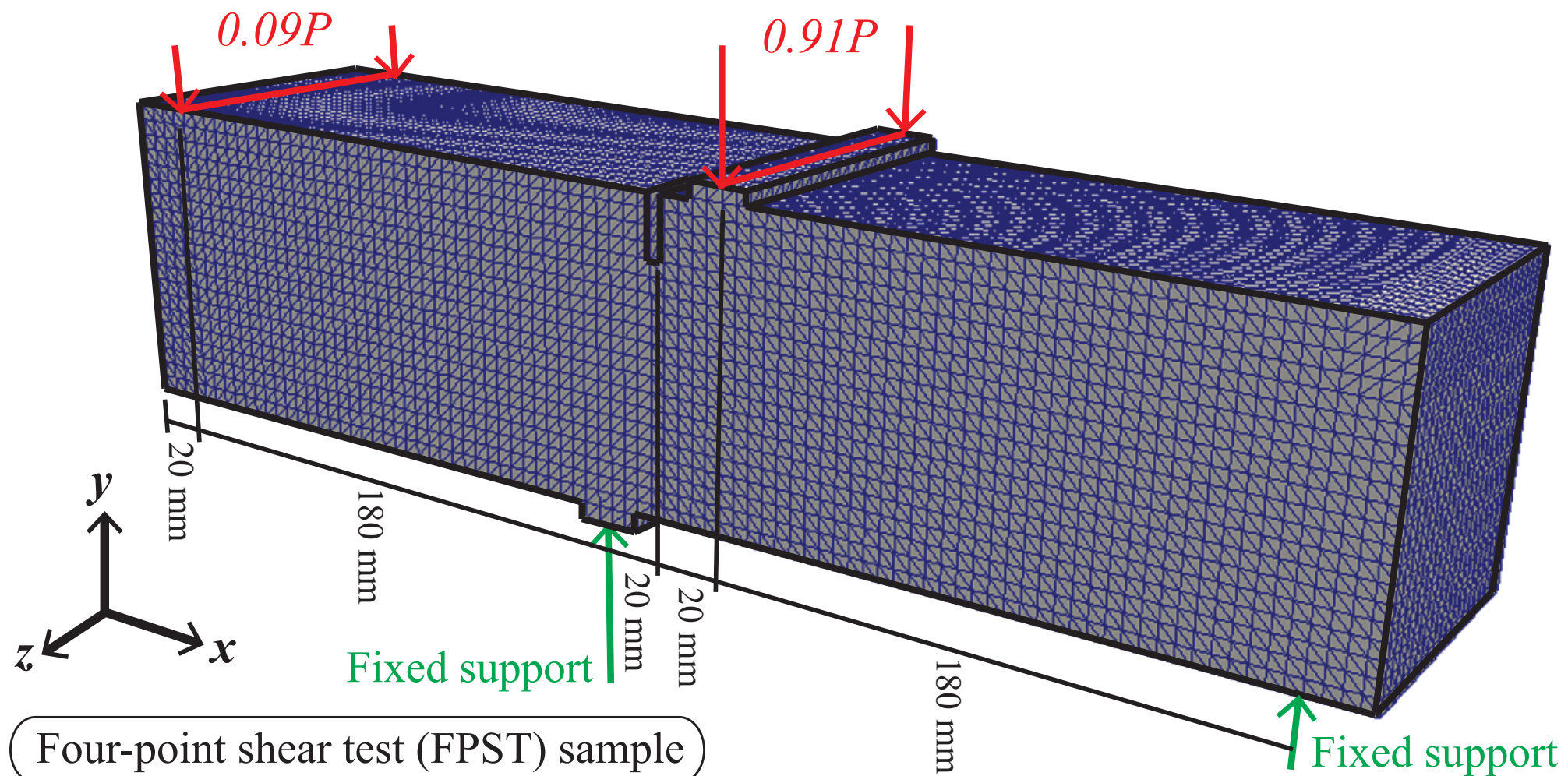


# Four points shear test

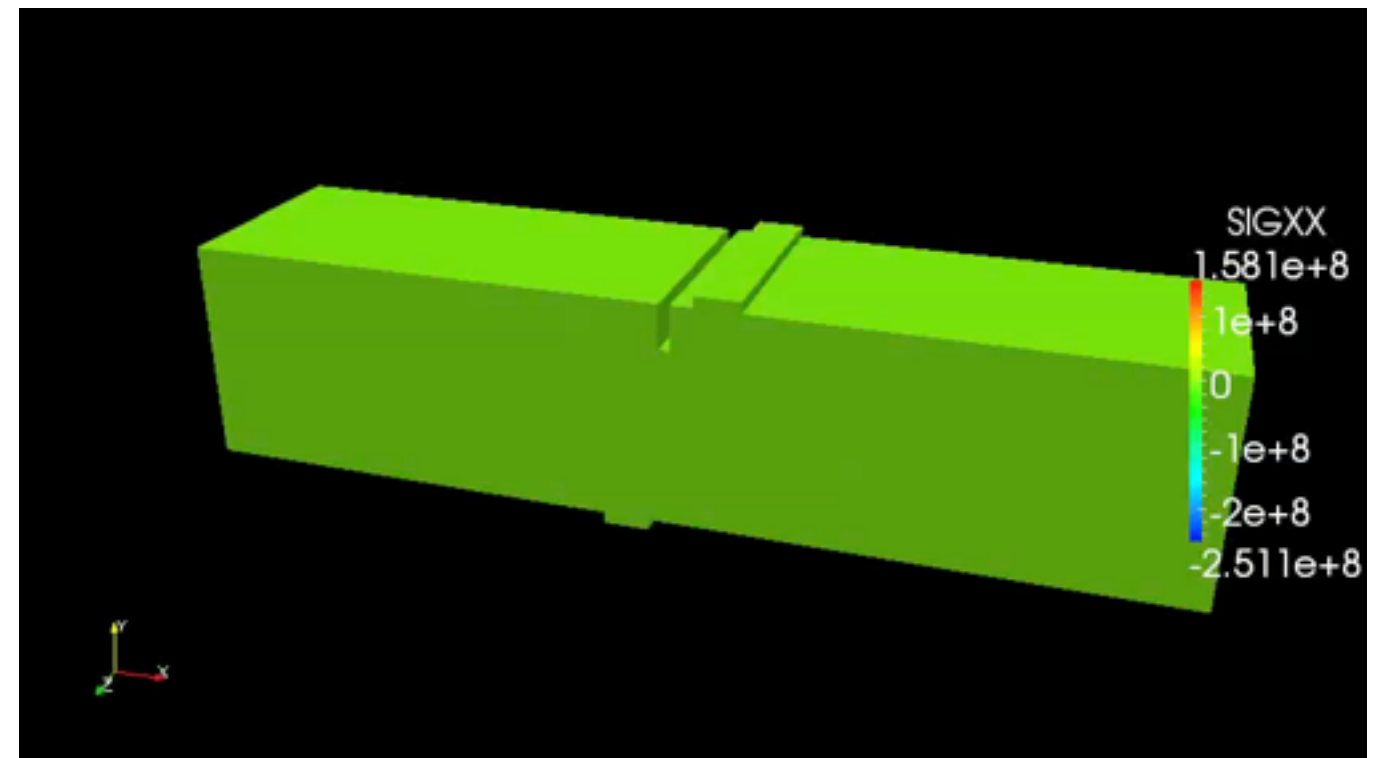
Linear isotropic material (concrete)

$$E = 200\text{MPa}$$

$$\nu = 0.3$$

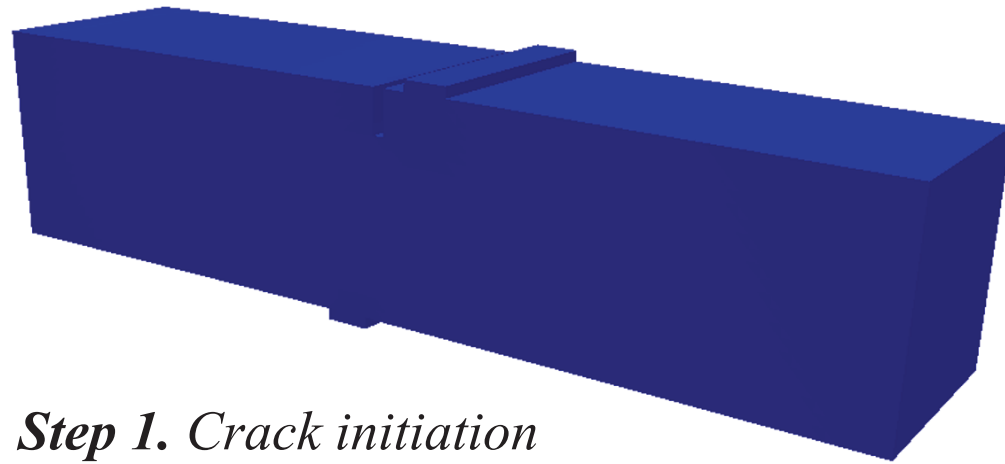


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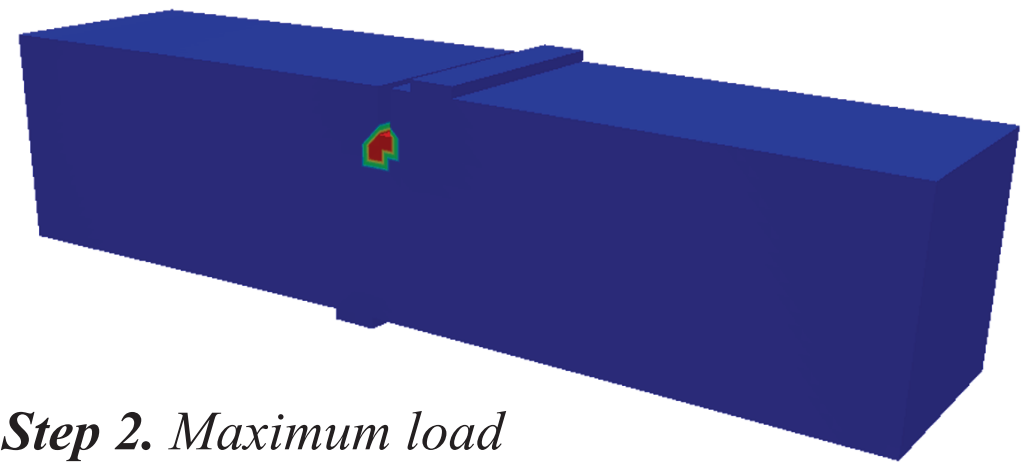


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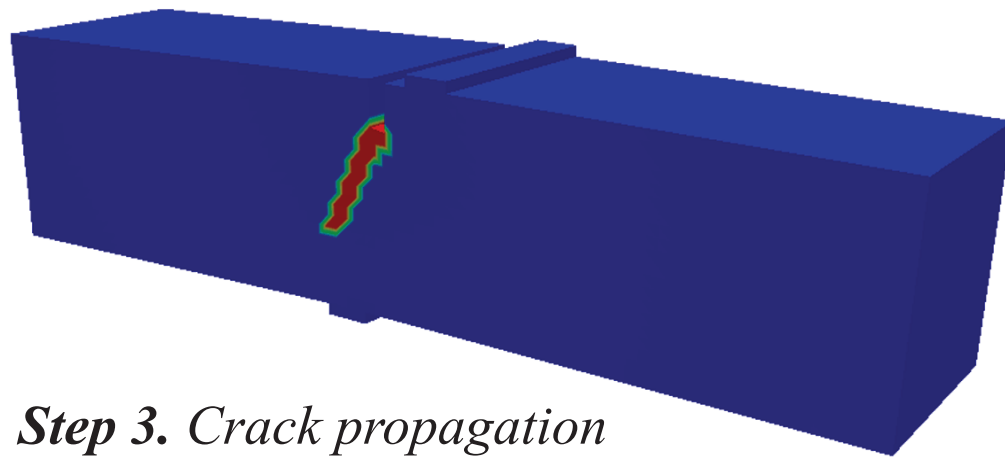
## Crack evolution



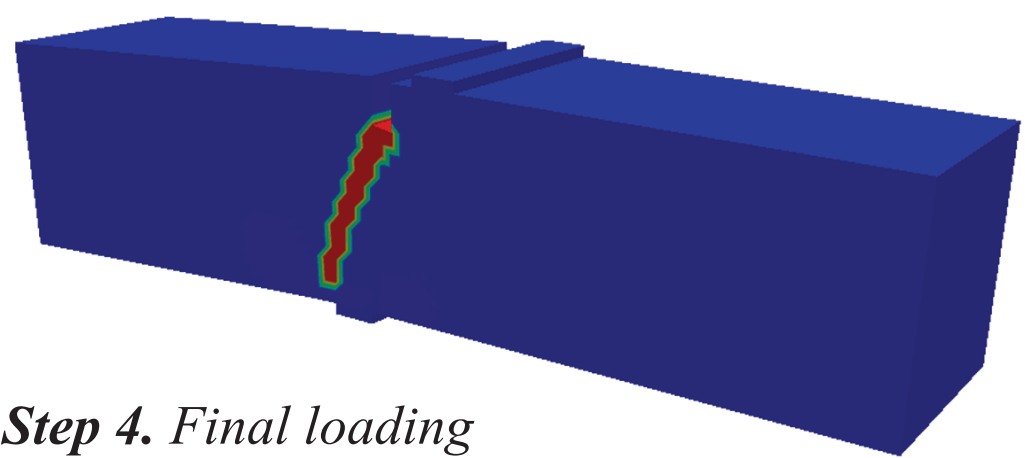
*Step 1. Crack initiation*



*Step 2. Maximum load*



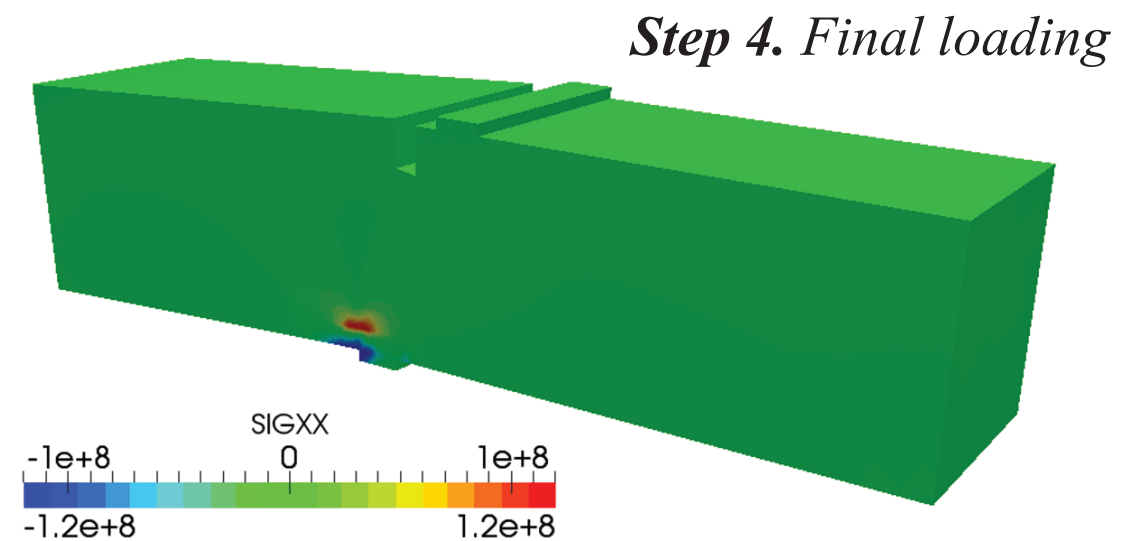
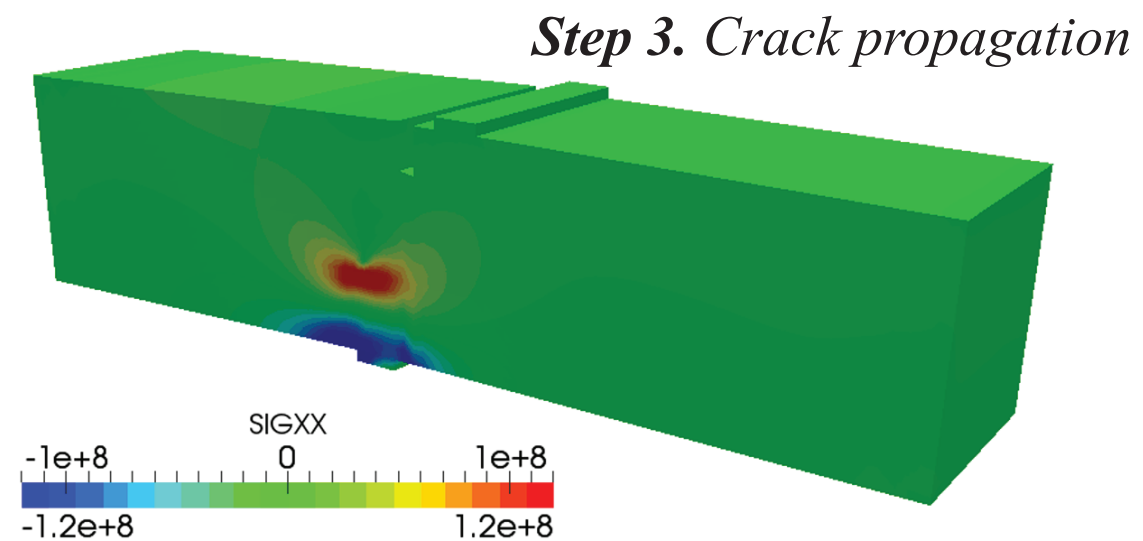
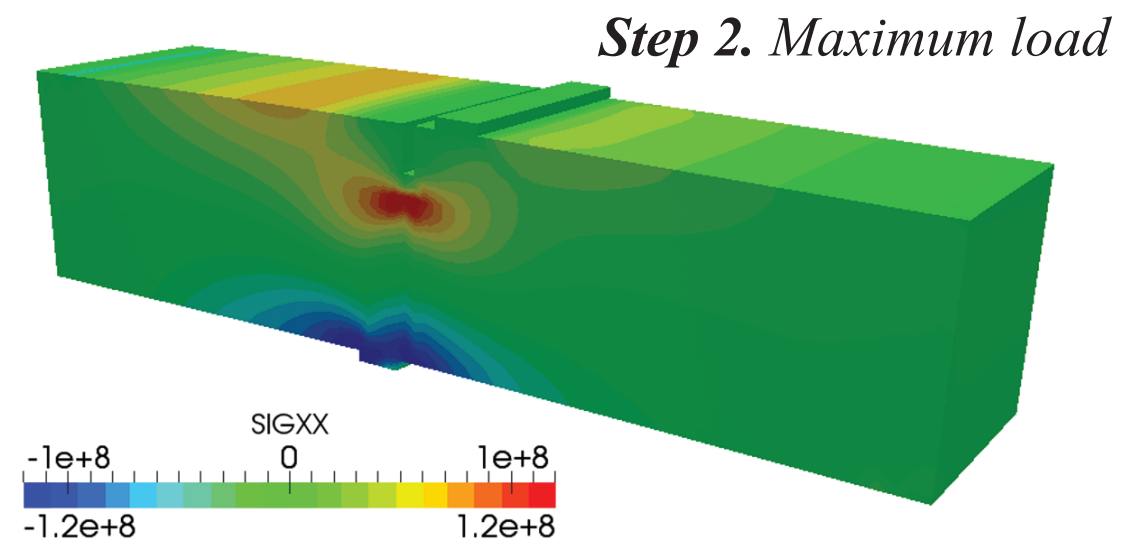
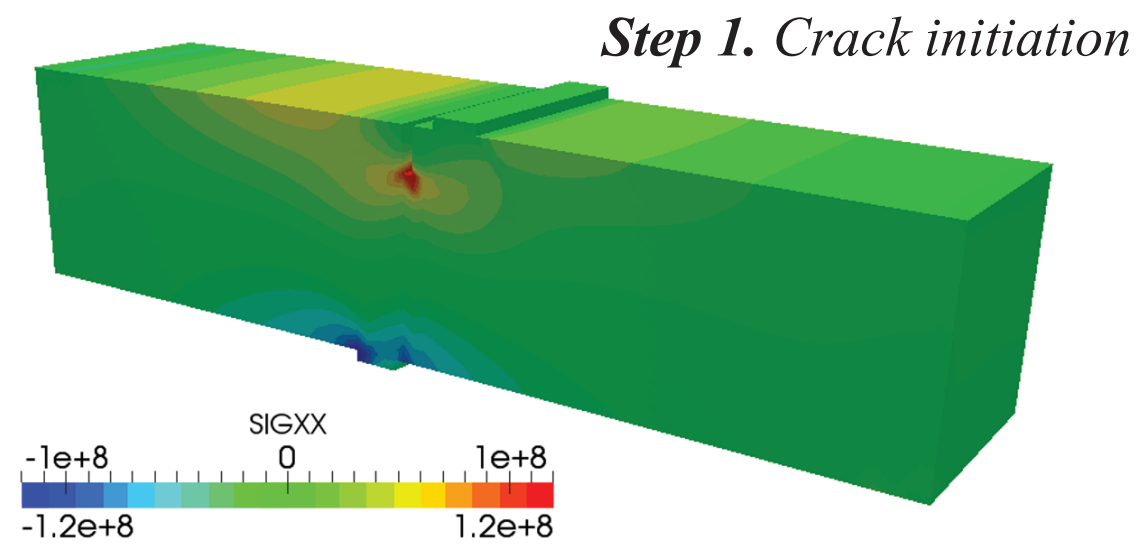
*Step 3. Crack propagation*



*Step 4. Final loading*

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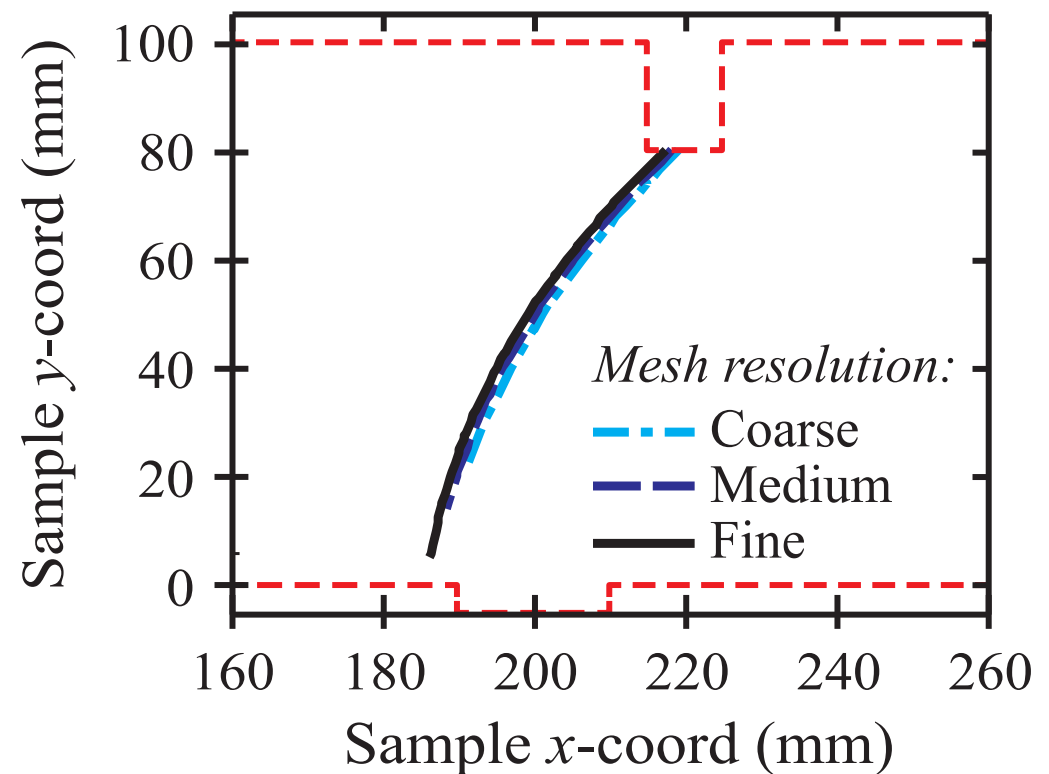
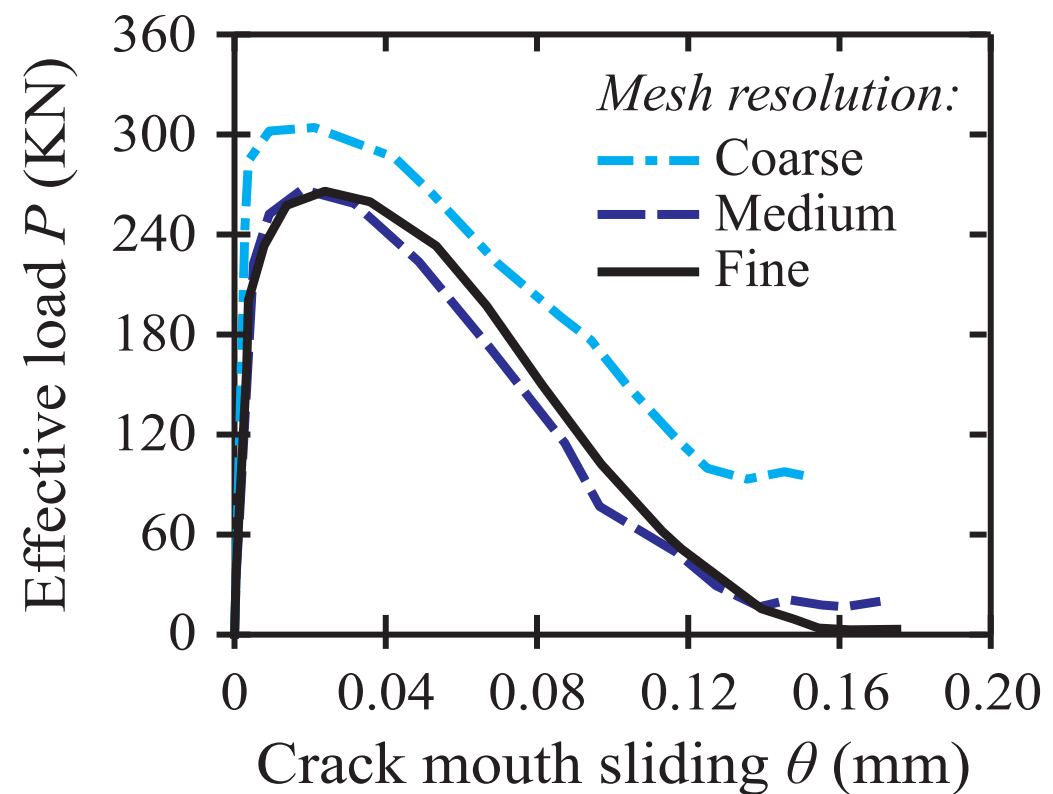
## Stress evolution



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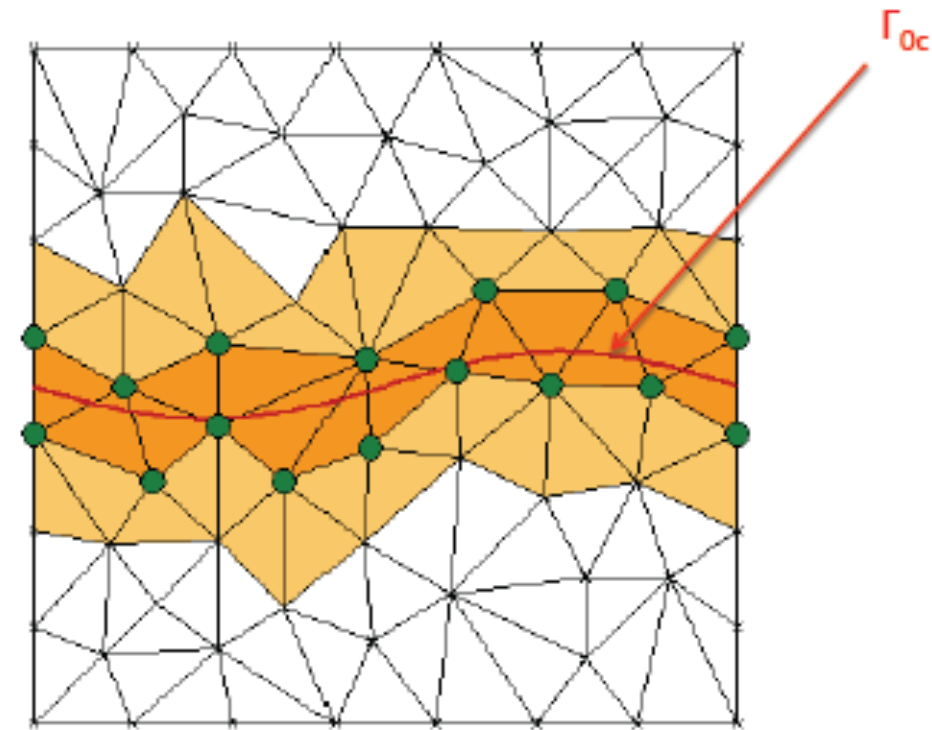
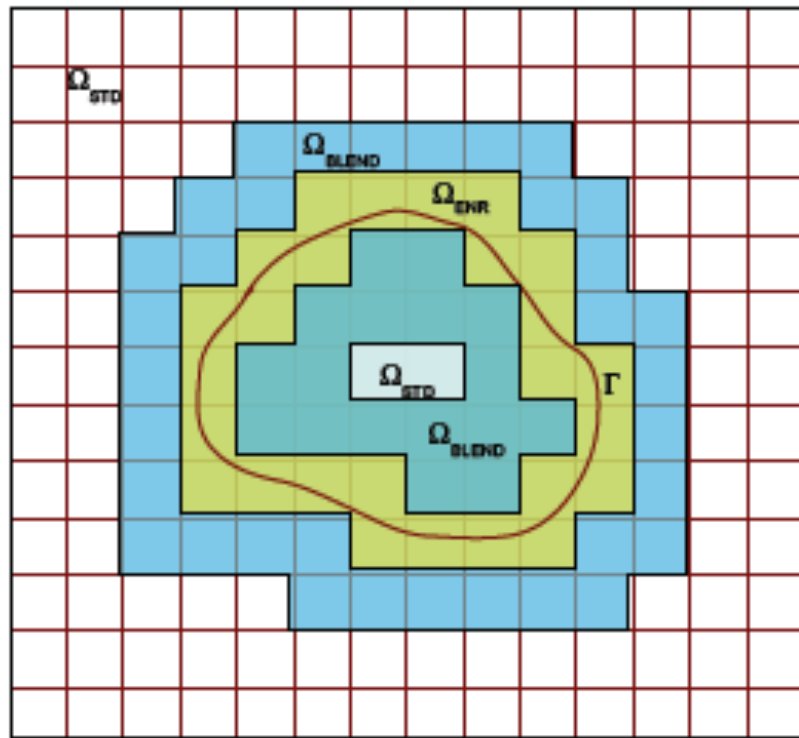
## Analysis Mesh Convergence

- Coarse mesh: 25.000 elements
- Medium mesh: 200.000 elements
- Fine mesh: 1.600.000 elements





## Numerical method: Extended Finite Element Method (XFEM)



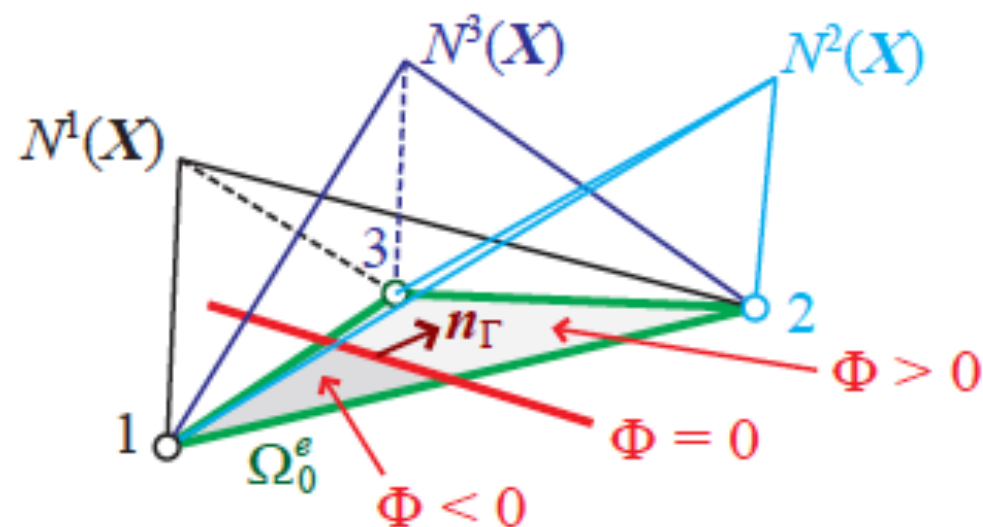
- Method adapted to the FE code
- Non-depending mesh
- Crack propagation and simulation heterogeneous materials

- Enrichment of standard FEM solution: approximation to account for discontinuities

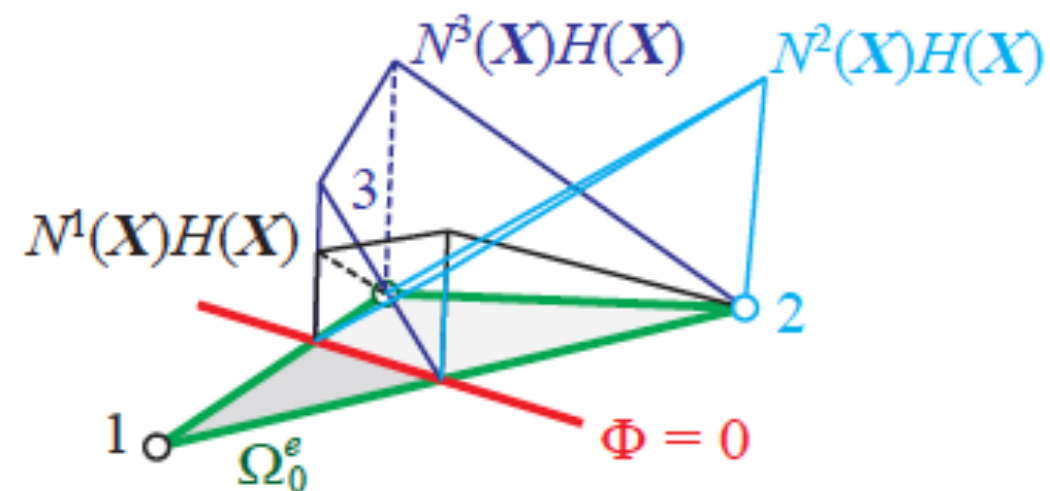
$$u^h(\mathbf{X}) = \sum_{a \in I} N^a(\mathbf{X}) u^a + \sum_{a \in I} \tilde{N}^a(\mathbf{X}) \psi(\mathbf{X}) \alpha^a$$

$$u^h(\mathbf{X}) = \sum_{a \in I} N^a(\mathbf{X}) [u^a + \{H(\mathbf{X}) - H(\mathbf{X}^a)\} \alpha^a]$$

- Shifted Heaviside functions improve scalability



Standard FE shape functions



FE enrichment functions by heaviside

- FEM formulation

$$\int_{B_0} \rho_0 \ddot{u} \cdot w \, dV_0 + \int_{B_0} P \cdot \nabla_0 w \, dV_0 = \int_{\Gamma_{0t}} \bar{t}_0 \cdot w \, dS_0 + \int_{B_0} b_0 \cdot w \, dV_0$$

- Approximation for the test function

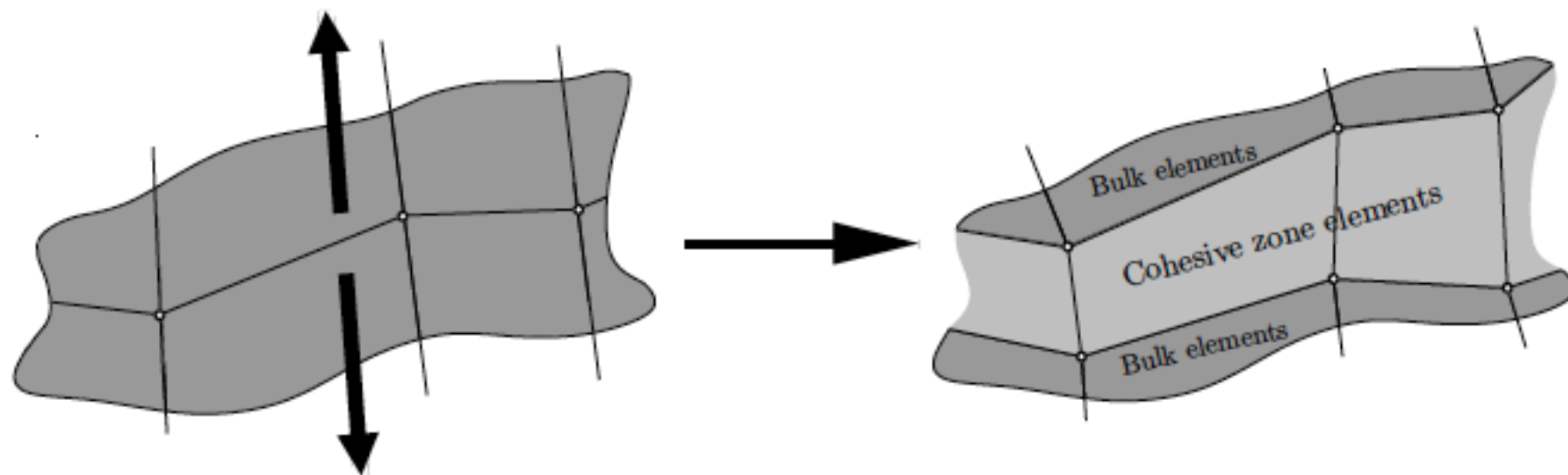
$$w^h(X) = \sum_{b \in I} N^b(X) w^b + \sum_{b \in I_c} N^b(X) \{H(X) - H(X^b)\} \beta^b$$

- Replacing and discretising, in matrix form we obtain the system:

$$\begin{bmatrix} M_{uu}^{e,ba} & M_{u\alpha}^{e,ba} \\ M_{\alpha u}^{e,ba} & M_{\alpha\alpha}^{e,ba} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \ddot{u}^a \\ \ddot{\alpha}^a \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{Bmatrix} f_{\text{int},u}^{e,b} \\ f_{\text{int},\alpha}^{e,b} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} f_{\text{ext},u}^{e,b} \\ f_{\text{ext},\alpha}^{e,b} \end{Bmatrix}$$

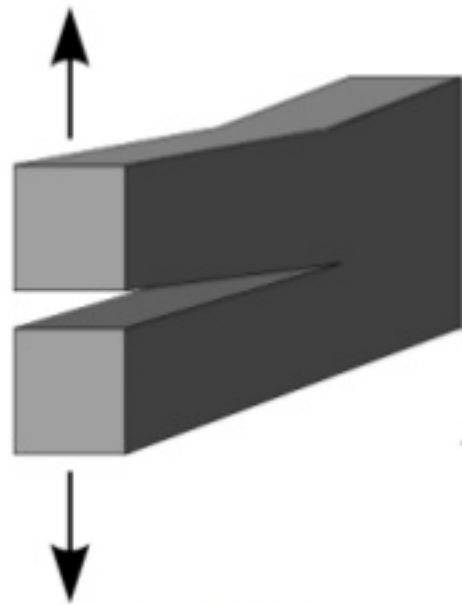
# Cohesive zone model

- **Cohesive zone elements** do not represent any physical material, but describe the cohesive forces which occur when material elements are being pulled apart. Therefore cohesive zone elements are placed between continuum (bulk) elements.
- When damage growth occurs these cohesive zone elements open in order to simulate the crack initiation crack growth.
- The direction of the crack propagation strongly depends on the presence (or absence) of cohesive zone elements (mesh dependence).

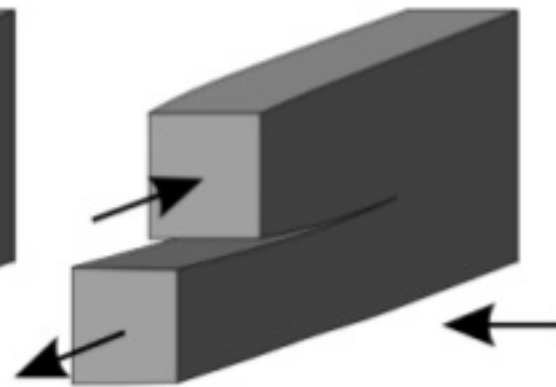


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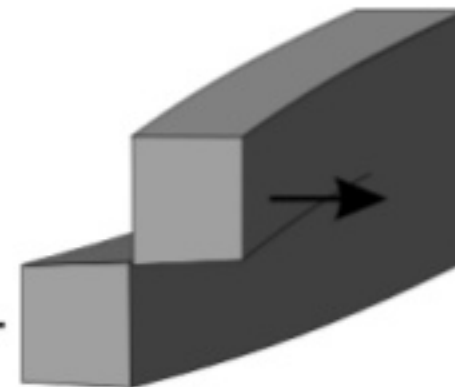
## Modes of Failure



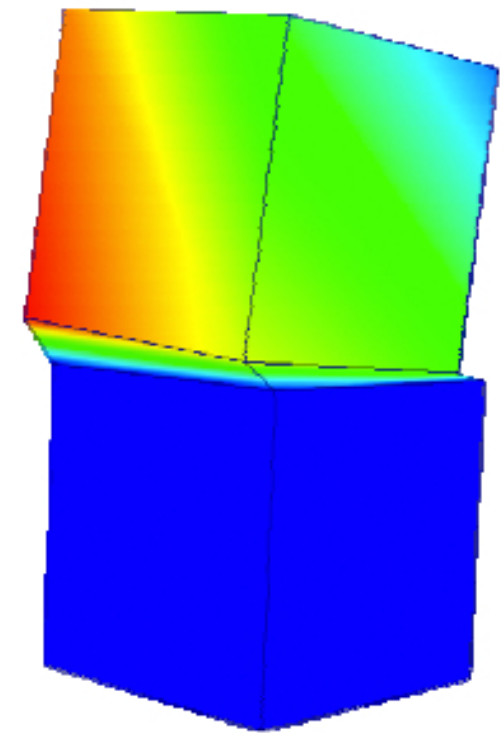
Mode I:  
Opening



Mode II:  
In-plane shear



Mode III:  
Out-of-plane shear

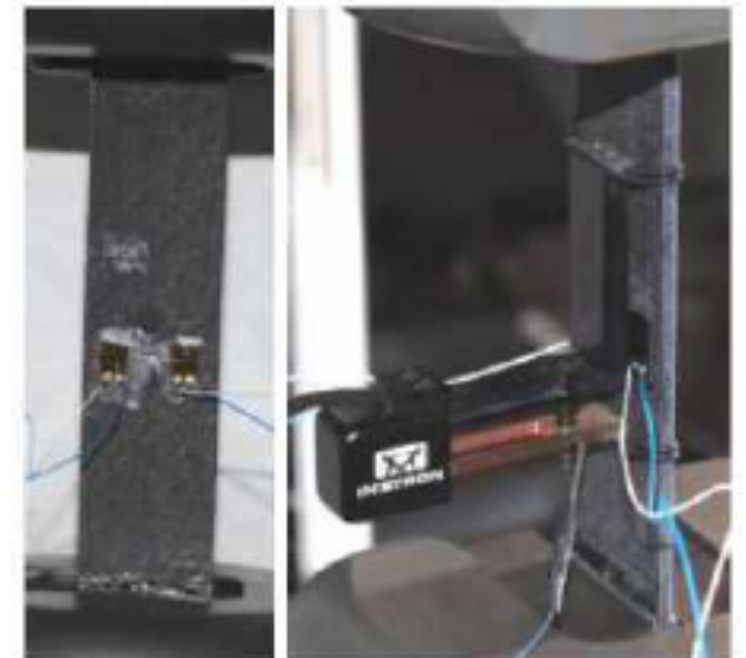
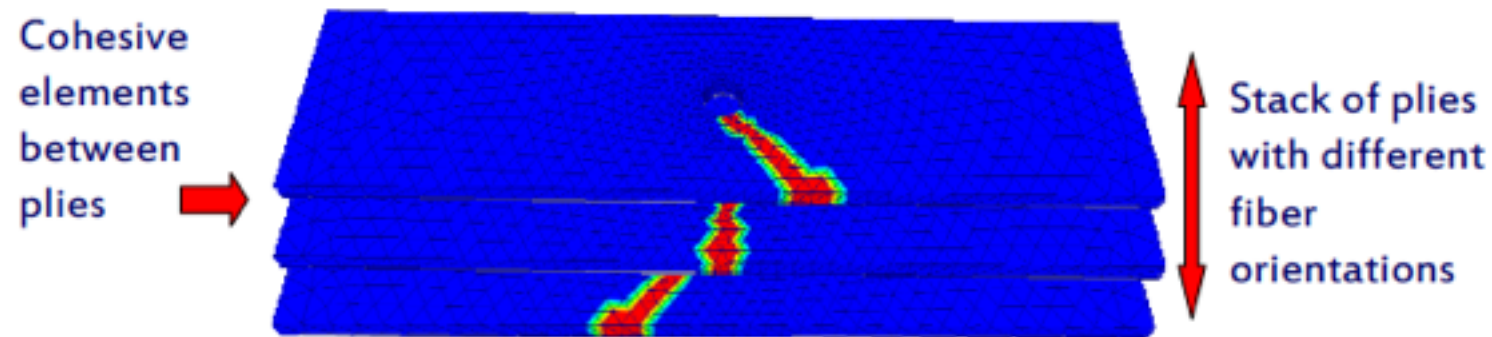


Work done in collaboration with IMDEA materials  
and Oxford University



# Open hole test

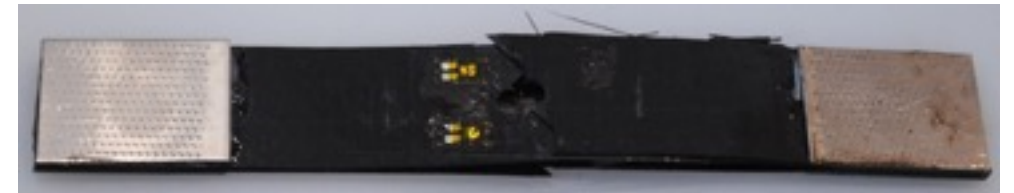
- Carbon fiber/epoxy resin laminate with sequence  $[90/+45/-45/90/0]_s$
- Each ply of the laminate has transversely isotropic properties
- Intra-laminar: XFEM + Extrinsic CZM
- Inter-laminar: Intrinsic CZM



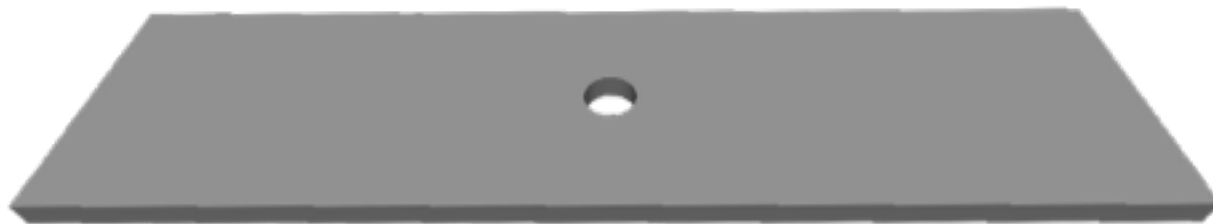
# Open hole test



Experimental sample in the initial state



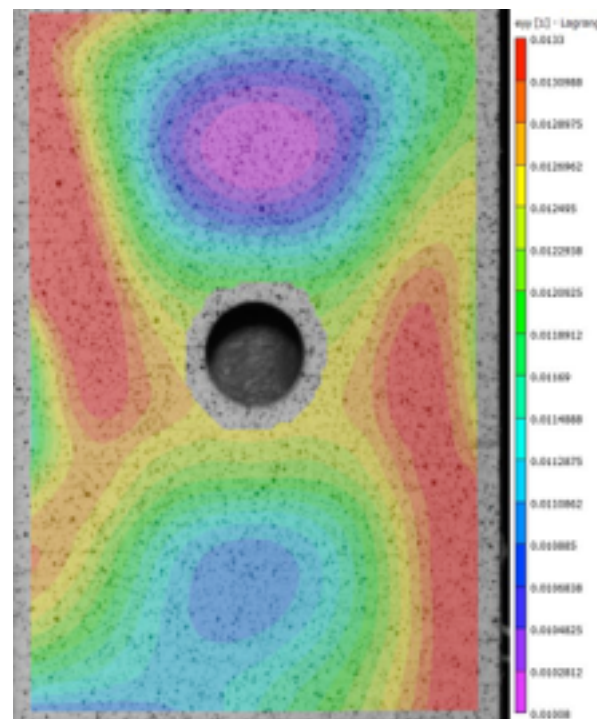
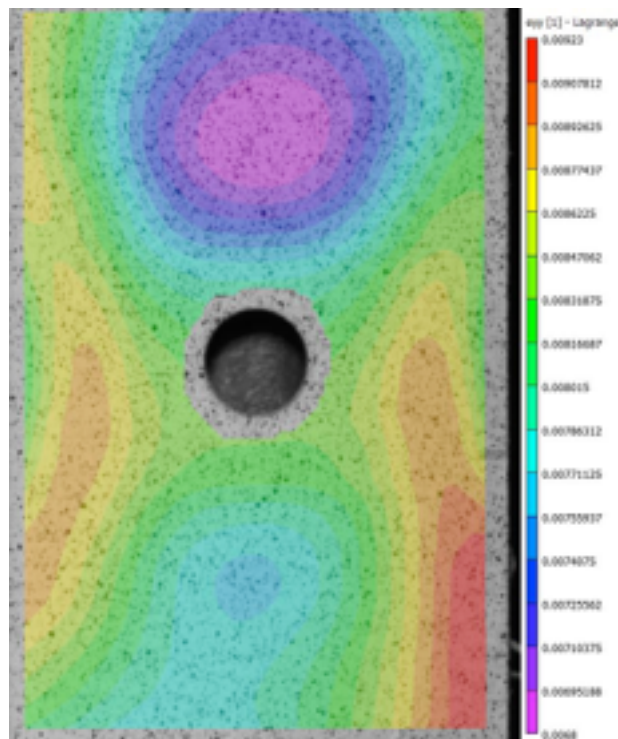
Experimental sample after the tensile test



Numerical model used for simulations



Numerical model after the simulation

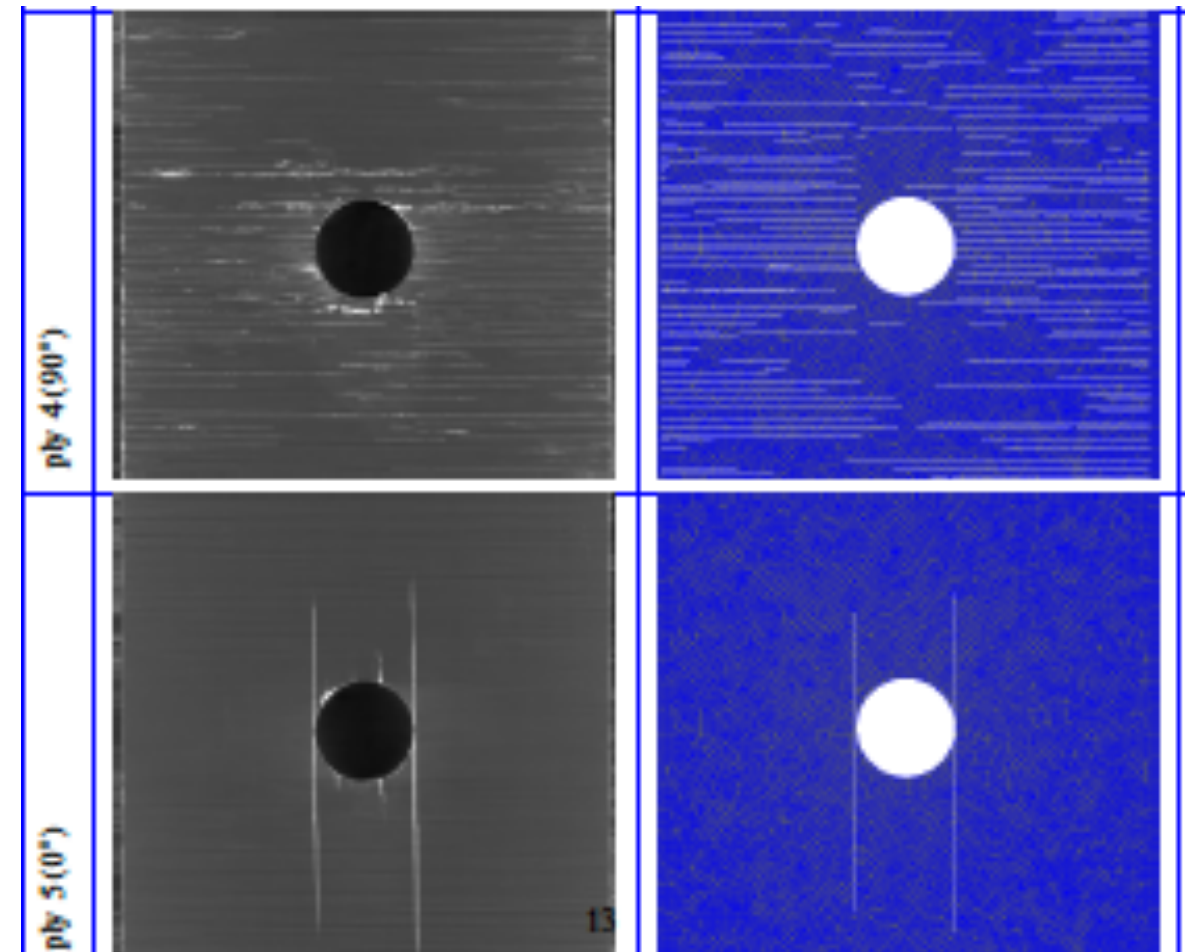
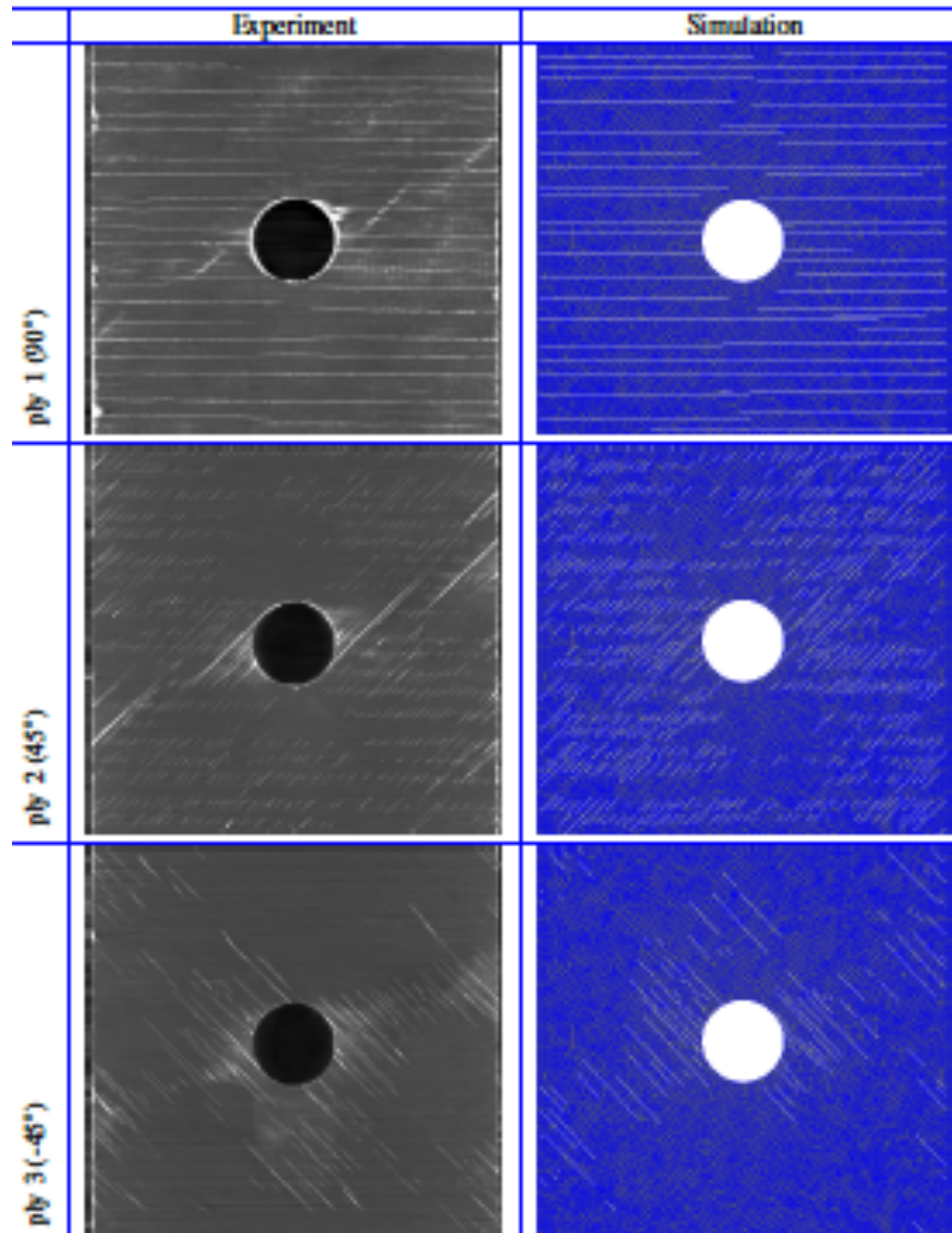


Deformation map at 0.8% strain, 1.2% strain and 1.3% (fractured specimen)



# Open hole test

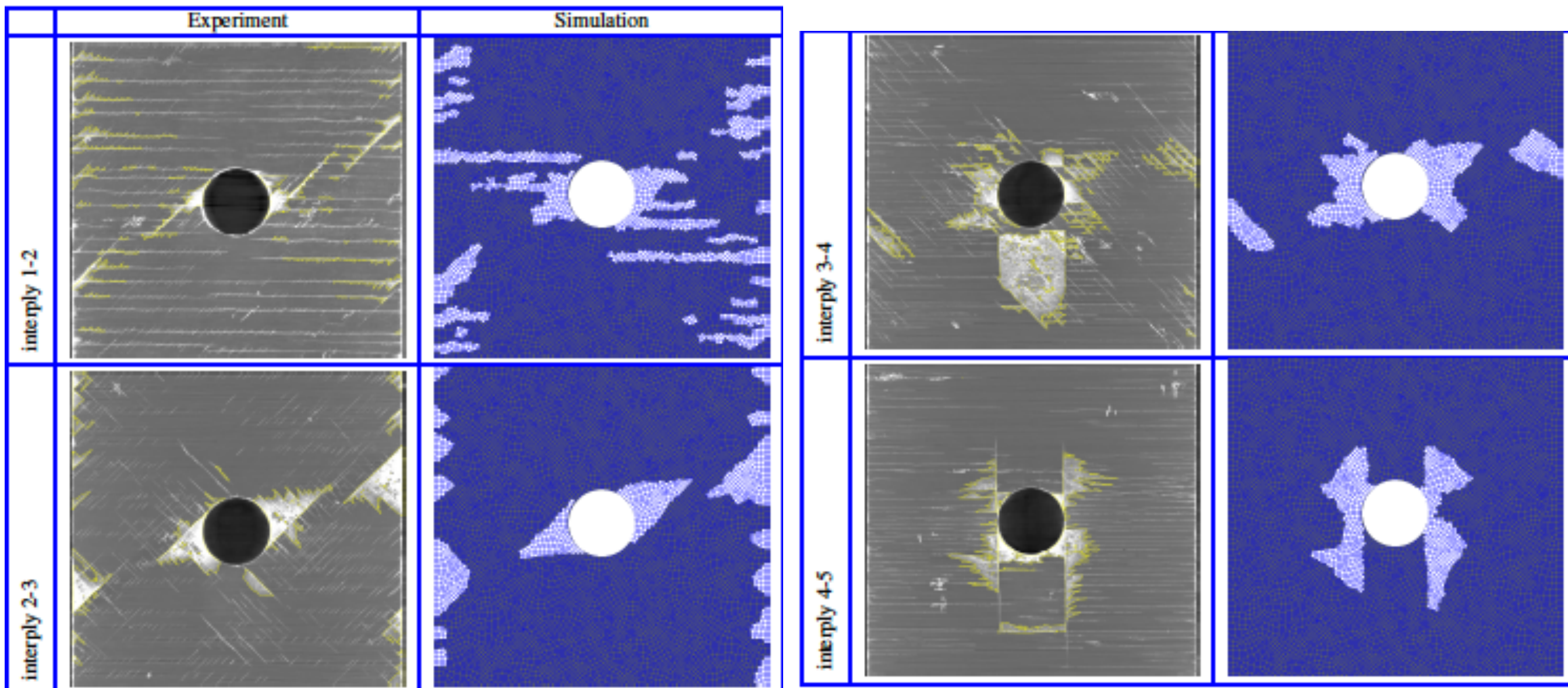
Matrix cracks for plies 1,2,3,4 and 5 at 90% failure load





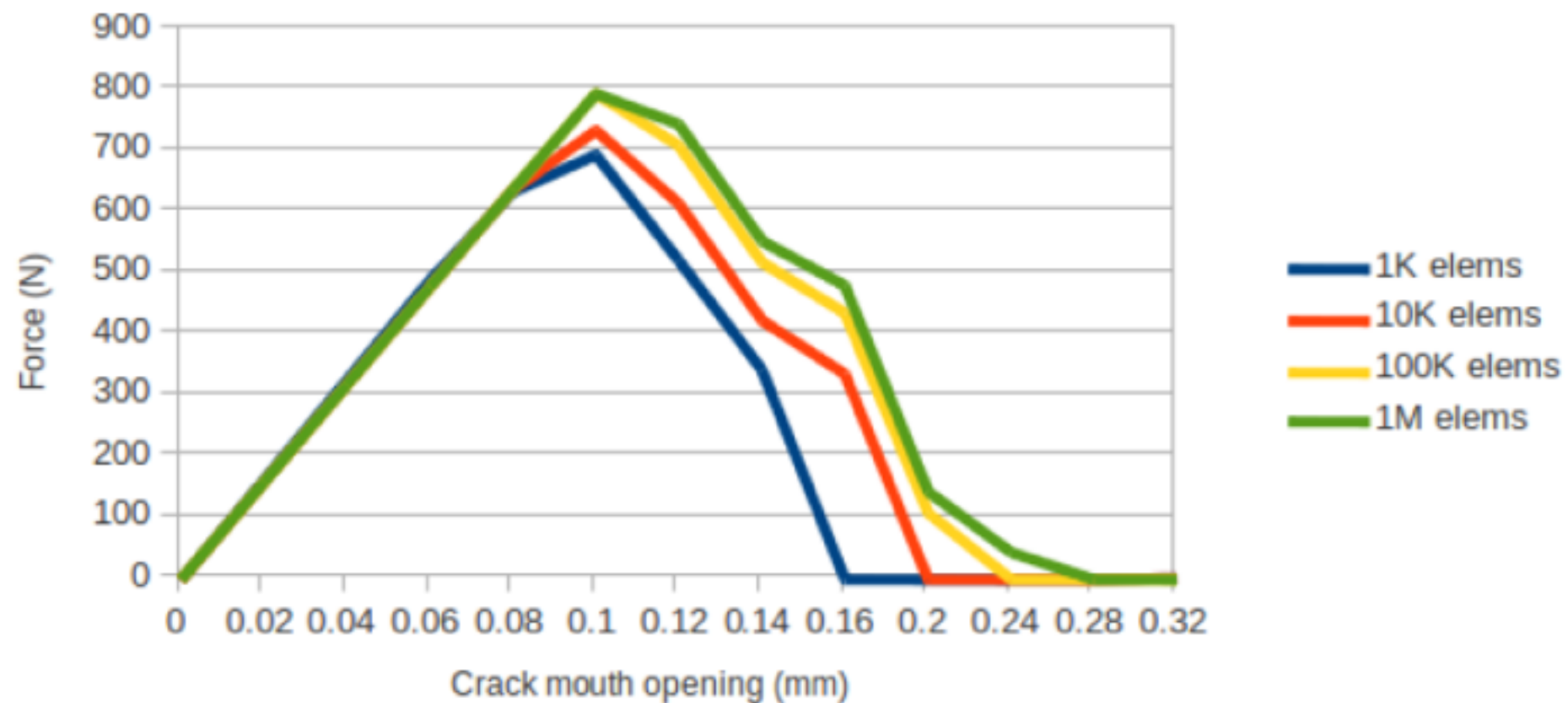
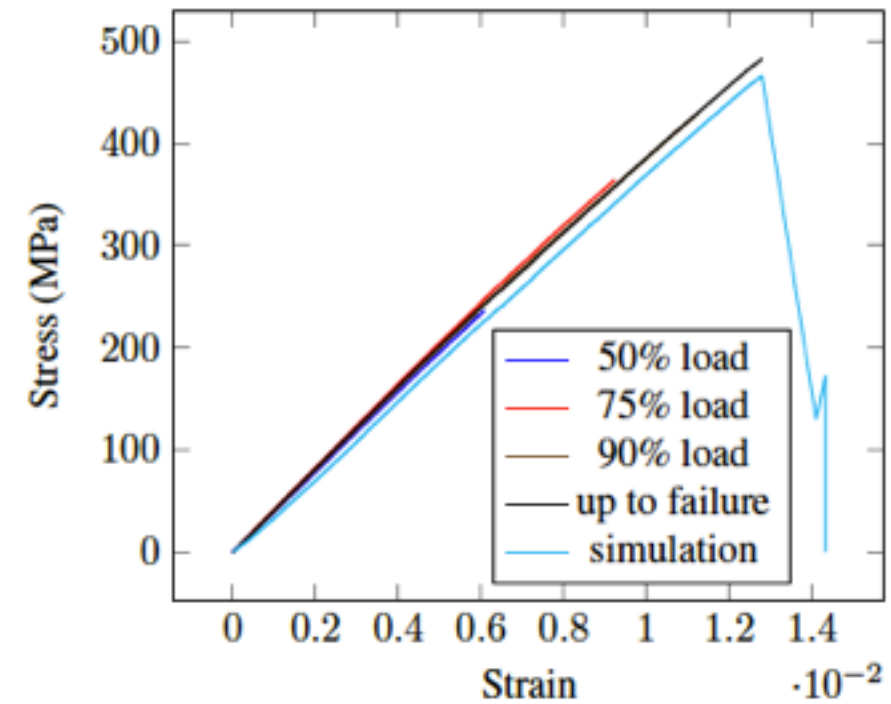
# Open hole test

Delamination at 90% failure load



# Open hole test

Stress-strain curves for  
experimental tests and  
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# Composite fuselage panel

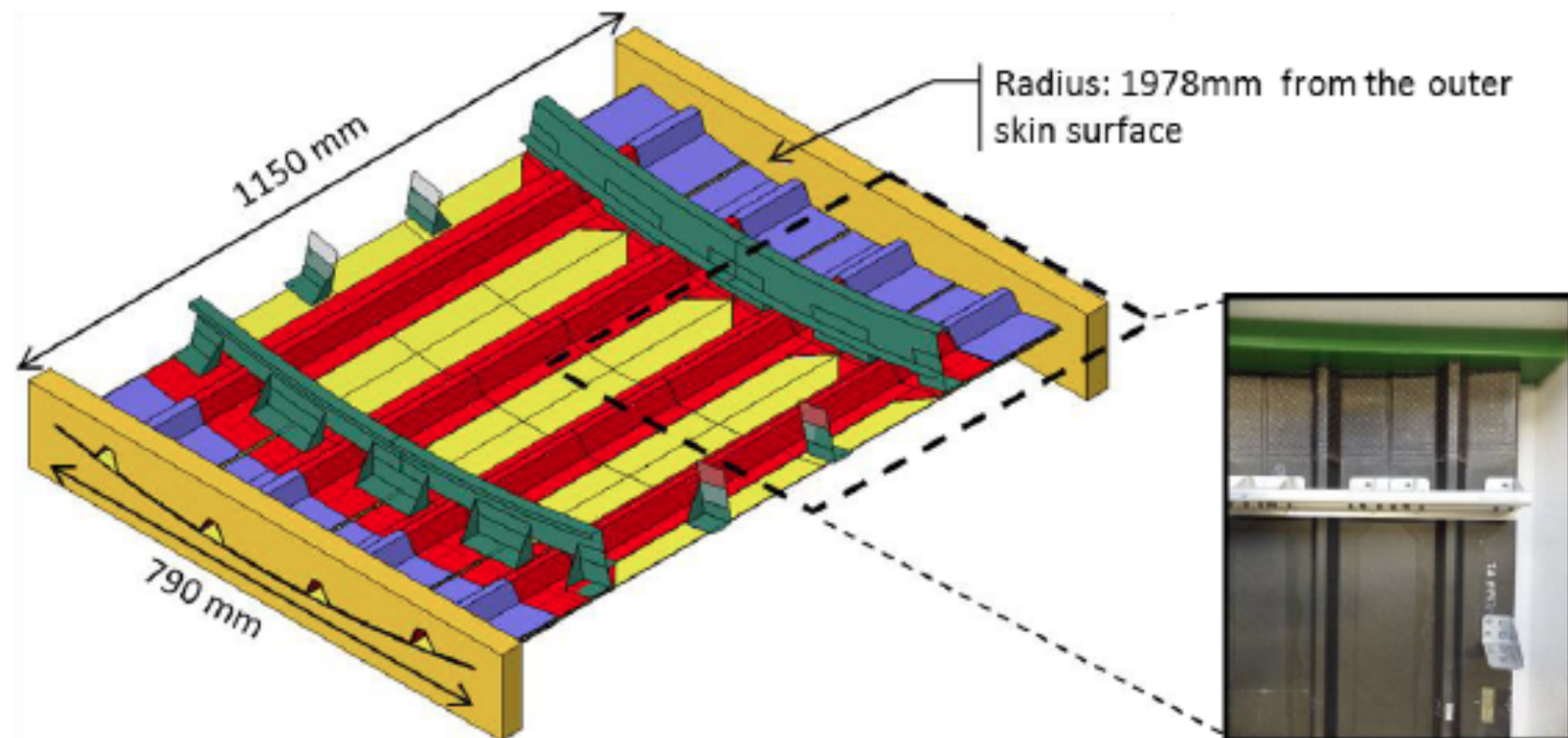
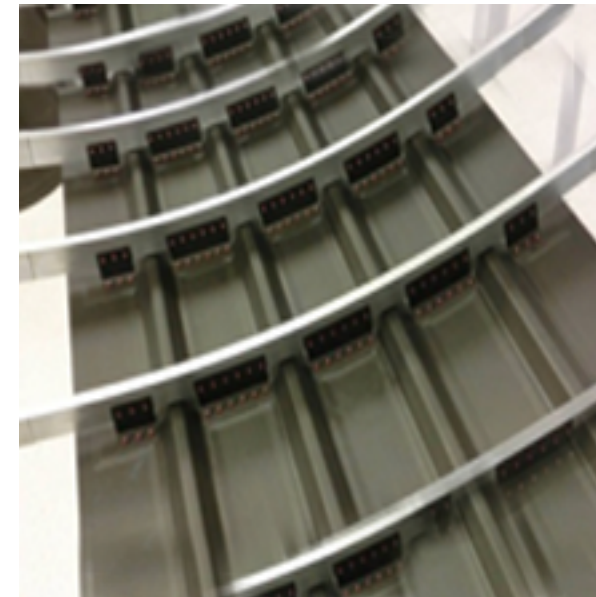
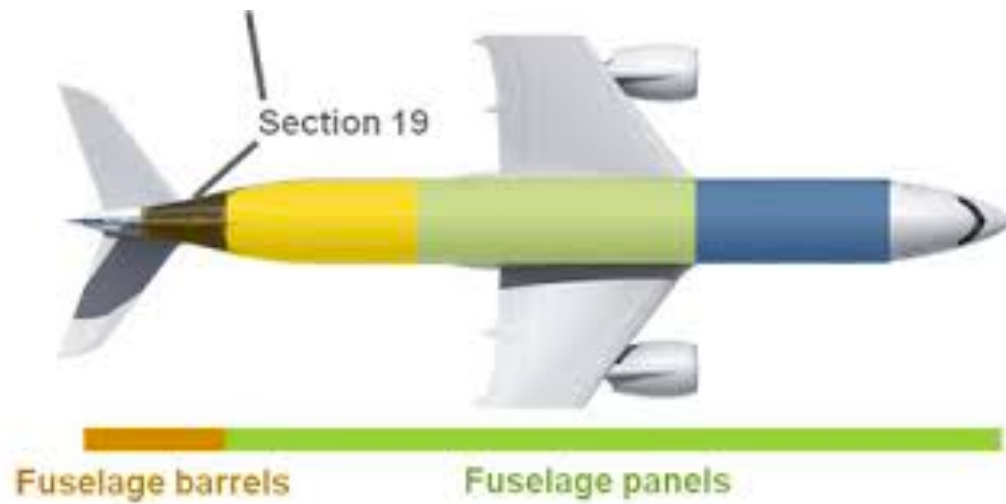
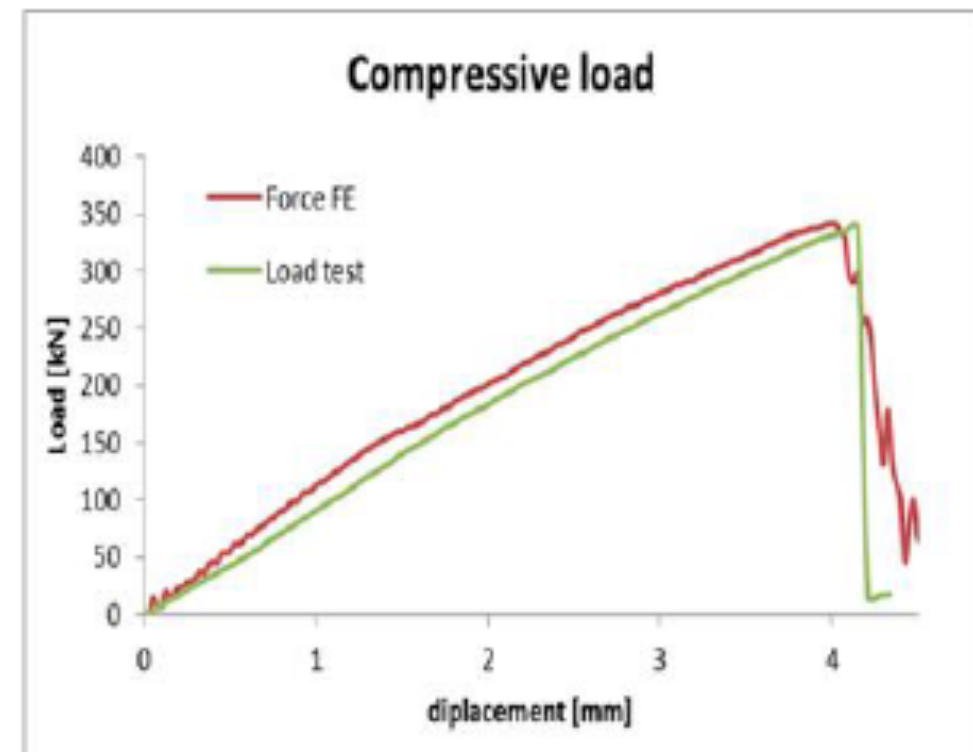
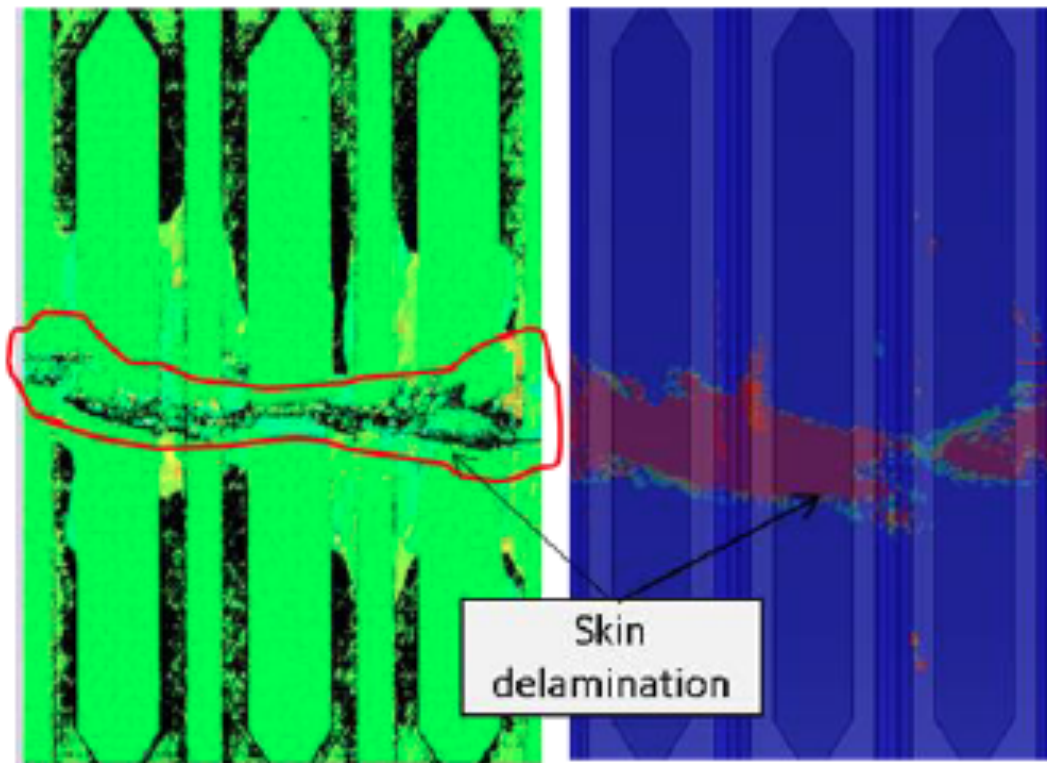
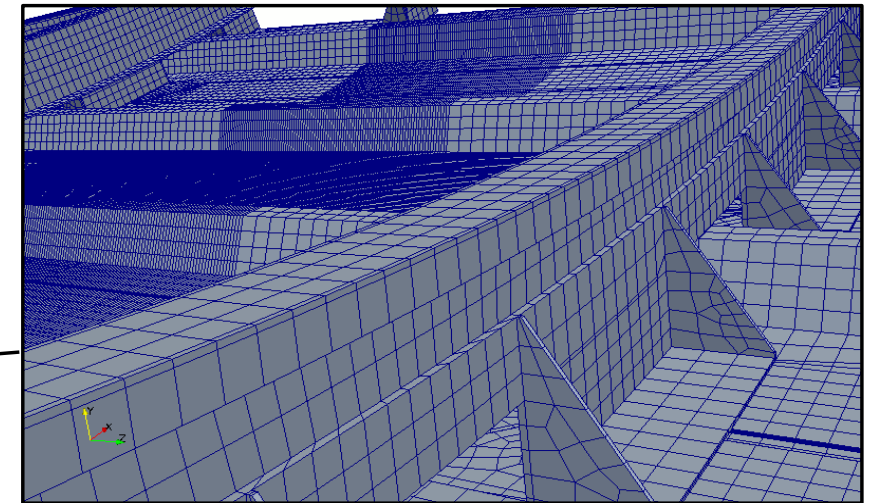
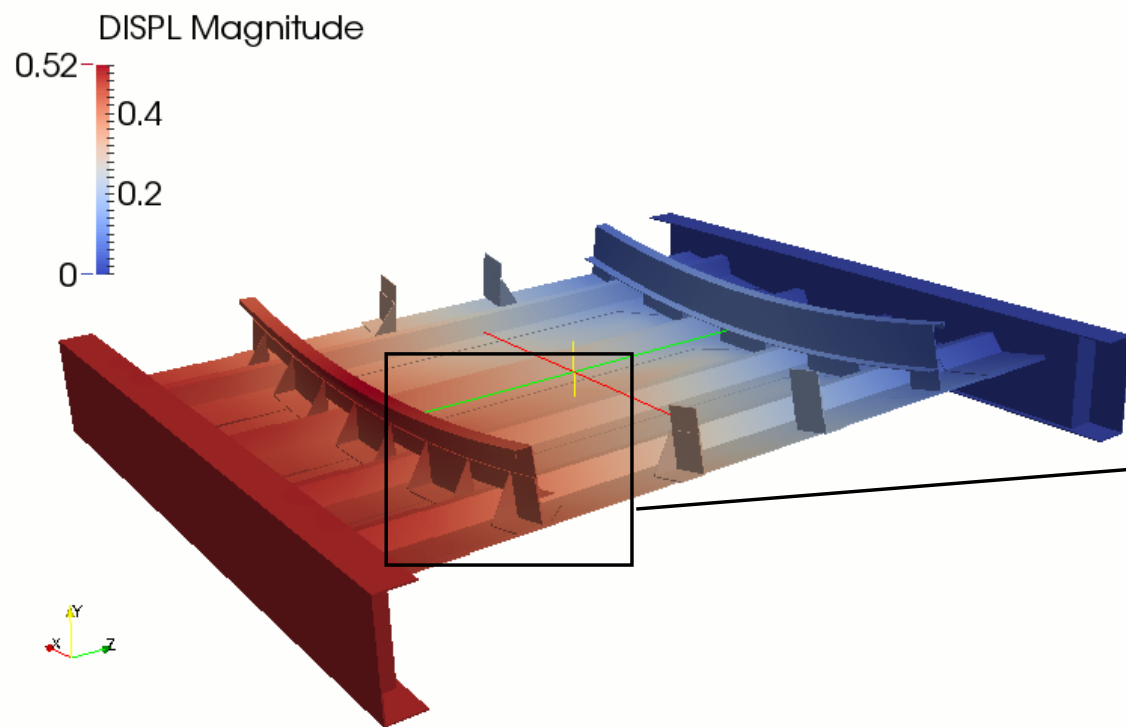


Figure 1 Overview of the panel with its parts; skin (yellow), stiffeners (red), reinforcing plies (blue), potting (gold) and aluminum frames and clips (green-grey).

# Composite fuselage panel

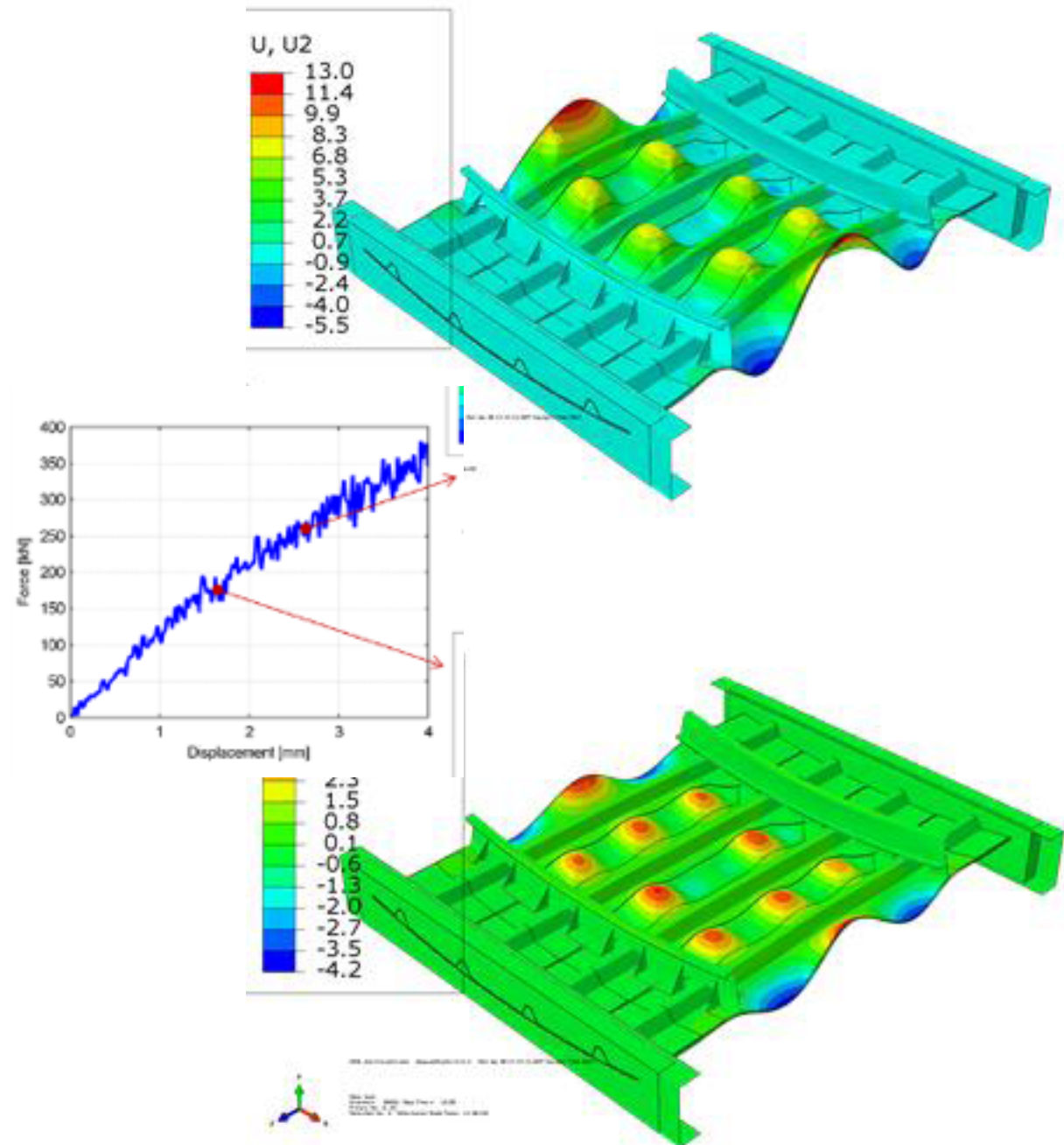




# Composite fuselage panel



Fuselage panel under compression after impact test



Force-displacement and out-of-plane deformation of curved fuselage panel

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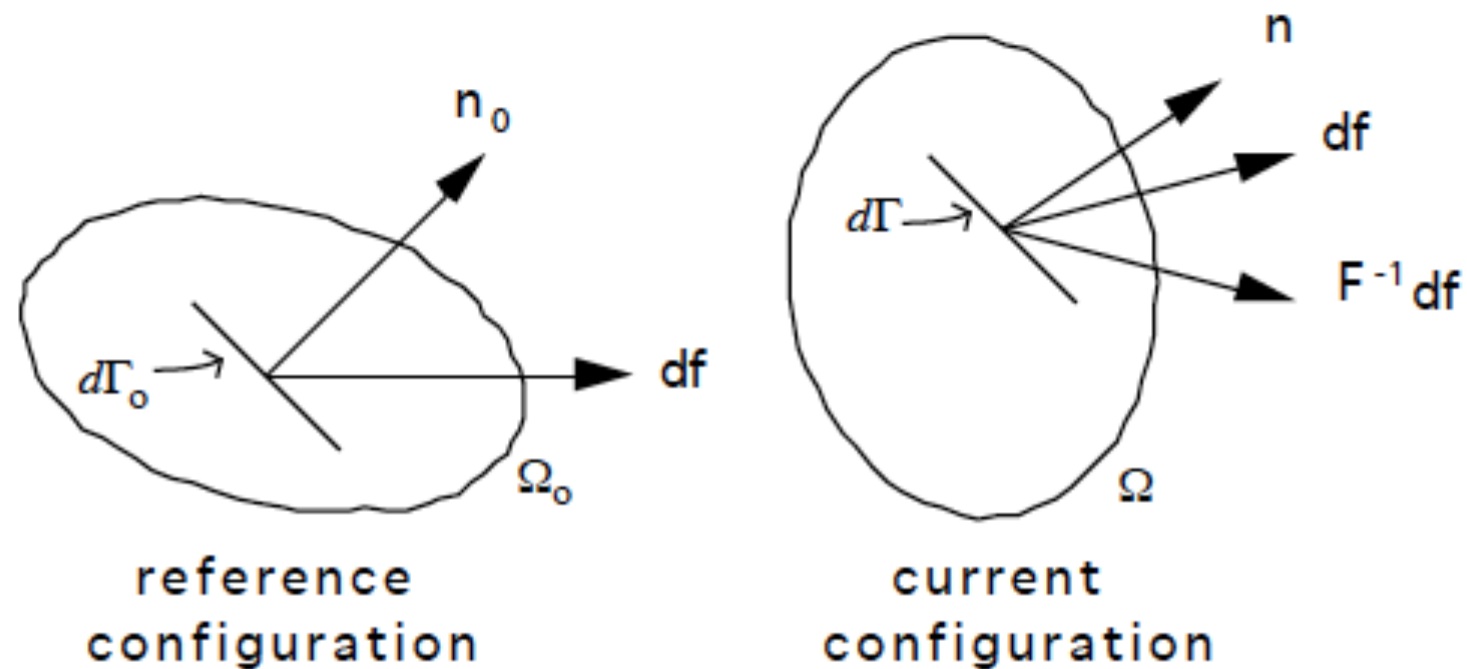
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# Stress and strain measures

## Box 3.1 Definition of Stress Measures



$$\text{Cauchy stress: } \mathbf{n} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} d\Gamma = df = \mathbf{t} d\Gamma \quad (3.4.1)$$

$$\text{Nominal stress: } \mathbf{n}_0 \cdot \mathbf{P} d\Gamma_0 = df = \mathbf{t}_0 d\Gamma_0 \quad (3.4.2)$$

$$\text{2nd Piola-Kirchhoff stress: } \mathbf{n}_0 \cdot \mathbf{S} d\Gamma_0 = \mathbf{F}^{-1} \cdot df = \mathbf{F}^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{t}_0 d\Gamma_0 \quad (3.4.3)$$

$$df = \mathbf{t} d\Gamma = \mathbf{t}_0 d\Gamma_0 \quad (3.4.4)$$

For solid mechanics applications, it is instructive to directly develop the conservation equations in terms of the Lagrangian measures of stress and strain in the reference configuration (  $\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{F})$  and  $\mathbf{E}$  ).